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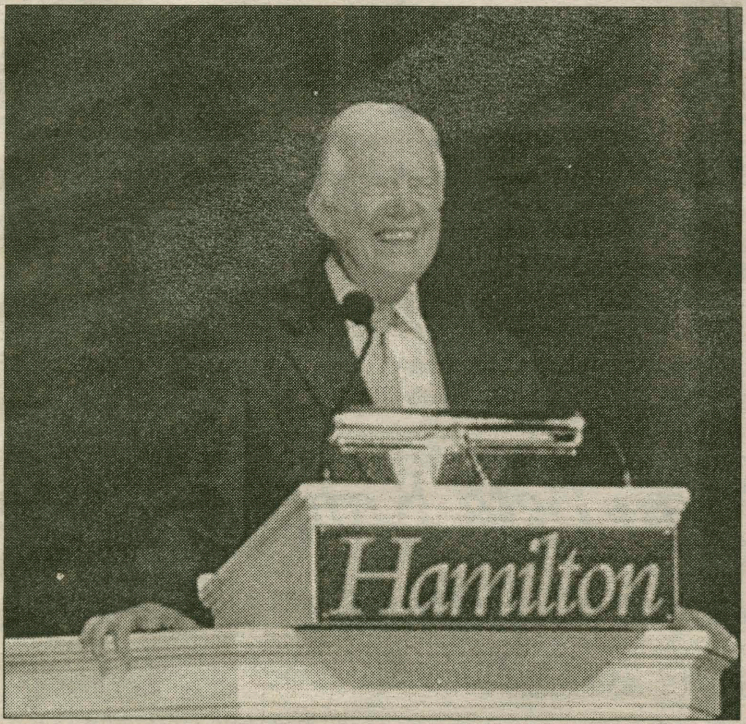

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

President Jimmy Carter reacted warmly to applause during his speech Monday night in the field house.

by Cristen Sargent '01
FEATURES EDITOR

It was a night to put history, partisanship, and stark realism aside.

Jimmy Carter, 39th president of the United States, spoke to a packed Margaret Bundy Scott Field House on Monday night about personal and national responsibility toward those less well off. In addition to those in the field house, more than 250 latecomers watched the event televised live in two auditoriums on campus.

"We estimate the audience, including those at the two remote sites, to be around 5,500," said Jennifer Potter Hayes, director of alumni affairs and organizer of the event. "This was our largest crowd ever, and the field house was beyond capacity."

Carter began his 25-minute speech by recognizing the efforts of Ambassador Sol Linowitz '34 during the Carter administration, specifically in negotiating the Panama Canal treaties and helping to preserve peace in the Middle East. "I've learned a lot about this college in the last few days," Carter said. "I'm here as a result of my good friend Sol."

Carter was at ease in front of the over-capacity crowd, often making jokes. His quip "in 1980 I was involuntarily retired from the White House," was met with hearty laughter from the assembled students, area residents, and civic groups.

The former president told the audience that four days ago he had visited Dubai, United Arab Emirates to accept an environmental award on behalf of the Carter Center, his Atlanta-based organization that promotes international peace, conflict resolution, and human rights. He gave the environment a much broader definition, as "the conditions under which a soul can be nourished." Carter explained that America has an obligation, as a rich nation, to help bring about this definition for everyone.

This obligation is one that America has evaded for decades, Carter said, as he drew a parallel between the complacency with which racial segregation was met for over a century and the disinterest Americans are now showing toward the growing gap between rich and poor.

"The greatest challenge that we face is the growing chasm between rich people and poor people, and it's getting wider," Carter said. "A rich person is someone who has a home in which to live, who's not afraid to walk out his or her front door, who has the opportunity for employment, maybe some health care, and a degree of trust in the government. There are billions of people on Earth who have none of these things."

"Do we care?" he continued. "Do we feel any personal responsibility for those who are in a different situation than us?"

After outlining the work the Carter Center undertakes in African nations to help eradicate disease, quell ethnic conflict, and conduct democratic elections, Carter challenged his listeners to strive for the intangible rewards of life; "commitment to justice and to peace – to humility, service, forgiveness, compassion – none of which you can see, but which are available to everyone. What is it that I have, and how can I share it with those who are

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SATs optional for Class of 2006

by James P. DuVernay '03
NEWS EDITOR

Following a national trend among colleges and universities, the Hamilton faculty voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to make Scholastic Achievement Test scores an optional part of the college's admission process. Since 1946 the SATs have been a mandatory part of the admissions process; however beginning with the Class of 2006, high school students applying to the college will now have a menu of four options for submitting standardized testing scores.

Under the new plan, students can choose to submit one of four types of test scores. The college will continue to accept SAT I scores but will also now equally consider scores from the ACT, three SAT II subject tests, three Advanced Placement tests, or three International Baccalaureate tests. The latter three options must include at least one writing test and one quantitative test, such as math or science.

The Faculty Committee on Admissions has been studying the issue for a number of years and finally decided to move forward this year, according to Mathematics Professor Rob Kantrowitz, chair of the committee. He identified two primary goals of the committee.

"Our main goal was to deemphasize the role of one particular measure of a candidate–the SAT I," Kantrowitz said. "We also wanted to open up the admission process to a broader, more diverse applicant pool."

Kantrowitz cited research that has shown that the predicting power of the SAT I is fairly limited.

"National research indicates, and Hamilton's own research locally has confirmed, that the SAT is good at predicting success during a student's first year of college, but it wanes by the fourth year," said Kantrowitz.

Richard M. Fuller, Hamilton's Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, confirmed this assessment.

"Data has shown that the SAT I is not a perfect indicator of college success. But because we attract students from so many different schools, we still need standardized test scores as a means of comparison," Fuller said.

The measure will take effect beginning with next year's applicants. Following a five-year trial period, the college will decide whether or not to continue it.

"We will see how this affects the applicant pool and how performance at Hamilton differs based on type of standardized test score submitted," explained Fuller.

3rd annual AIDS Hike For Life raises $29,000 for Utica area

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
NEWS WRITER

Anticipating the 20th anniversary this June of the first reported AIDS case, the Hamilton College Class of 2001 and AIDS Community Resources sponsored the third annual AIDS Hike For Life on Sunday, April 29.

The fivekilometer walk raised $29,000 dollars from nearly 500 participants for the fight against HIV and AIDS. Funds will be given to support the work of Teen AIDS Task Forces (TATF) and Client Support Services. TATF provides prevention information, education, and services to adolescents enrolled in local middle and high schools. Client Support Services offers support and aid to those infected with HIV and AIDS. All money raised by the Hike is used in Utica and the surrounding Oneida County area.

The Hike began at 11:00 a.m. at a balloon arch on Minor Field. The route then went through Kirkland Glen across the campus and back to the arch. There were 399 pre-registered participants, roughly 75 more than last year. The actual number of participants was considerably higher as friends and last-minute hikers joined in.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Nearly 500 people walked to help raise money for TATF and Client Support Services.

The $29,000 dollars raised in this year's Hike exceeded last year's total by $7,000.

Steve Guditus '01 was especially excited about the amazing increase in participation from members of the community. "I think because Ralph Eannace and President Tobin were honorary co-chairs, we had a huge number of

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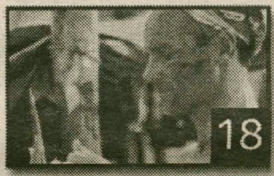

Public speaking contests draw few participants

by Chr:s Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

Ten students chose to participate this year in the three public speaking contests offered by Hamilton College: McKinney Public Speaking Prize, the Clark Prize, and the Warren E. Wright Prize Public Speaking. The McKinney contest is for freshmen, sophomores and juniors, the Clark is for seniors only, and Warren Wright is open to anyone taking Introductory Public Speaking.

Brian Cohen '03 won the McKinney contest and shared the first place prize in the Wright contest with Jessica McGiff '01. Jeff Krutz '01 won the Clark contest.

While participation in both the Clark and Wright contests was about the same as recent years, with three students competing in each of them, the lack of participation in the McKinney contest was somewhat of a concern, according to Associate Professor of Rhetoric and Communication Catherine Kaha, who was in charge of this year's contests. "The participation in the McKinney was not what I would like it to be."

On average the McKinney contest has at least seven or eight entrants, with as many as nine students entering as recently as 1998. Because there were so few students in the competitions, all ten who competed in the preliminary rounds last Friday advanced to the finals this past Monday night in the Chapel.

"It just would not have been reasonable or fair to get rid of a couple contestants after the preliminary rounds so all the students who stepped up to do the prelims advanced to the finals," said Kaha.

While having ten finalists did not prove to be a problem, the question still remains: why have the number of people willing to compete in the Public Speaking contests dwindled to such a low number? Though she did not have an immediate answer, Professor Kaha said she did not attribute the drop off to any shortcomings in publicizing the event.

She said, however, that several steps must be taken next year in order to return participation in the event back to its normal level. "Number one, we must have general information sessions about the contests for students beforehand; two, students should be able to have access to coaching sometime before the preliminary rounds; and three, we should do a better job of clarifying the protocol before the competitions."

Despite the concern over the drop off in number of contestants, those who did enter made the most of the opportunity. "The Public Speaking contest is an invaluable experience. I was surprised at the small amount of people who decided to participate. I competed last year, and it was exciting to come back this year as a more refined, polished and dynamic speaker. The best way to improve on something is to just go out and face it head on. I certainly hope more people come out next year," said Cohen.

500 walk for AIDS resources

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off-campus participants, which is great to close the barrier between Hamilton and the rest of the community, since so many people perceive Hamilton as 'off-limits' I think it was a great community builder," said Guditus '01.

"We are all very, very pleased. Everything went so smoothly!" said Jeannine M. Murtaugh, assistant director of the Career Center

After the Hike, there was an awards ceremony honoring all Hikers. All Hike participants had to donate a minimum of $20, but many collected much more support from friends and sponsors. Josh Conklin '01, the biggest individual fund-raiser, raised almost $1,800.

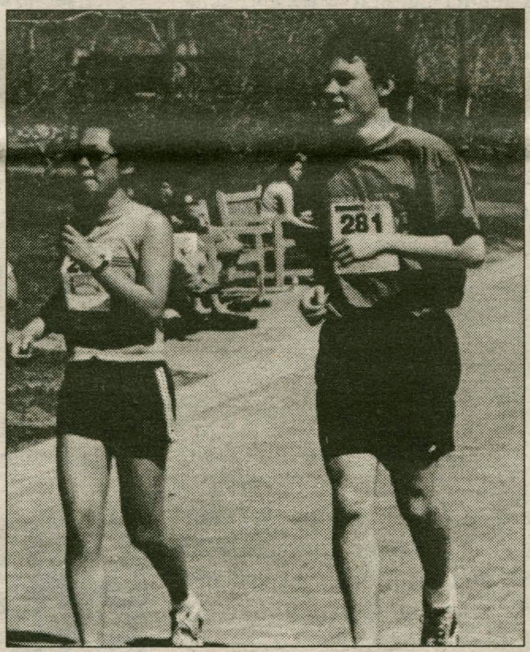
In an e-mail that was sent out earlier in April urging people to register for the Hike, Murtaugh noted that "according to the American Association of Health, one quarter of all new HIV infections in the United States are estimated to occur in young people under the age of 22. The rate of infection among young people is growing as the epidemic spreads into suburban and rural communities." Since New York State has the greatest number of people infected with HIV and AIDS, more public awareness of AIDS-related issues is considered crucial. The high teen pregnancy rate in Utica also points to the need for sex education for young people.

Guditus has been involved in the Hike for three years and has seen it grow from its inception in 1999. This year he played a key role behind the scenes, coordinating and helping Murtaugh. Jeaninne's brother, Will Murtaugh, who works for AIDS Community Resources in Syracuse, also contributed greatly to the Hike's success.

Though pleased with the overall success of the day, Guditus noted that many students had complained of the bad timing of the Hike, which was scheduled the same day as the housing lottery. "From my own observation, I was somewhat disappointed with the Hamilton student turnout, though I understand the importance of the housing lottery," said Guditus. He hopes that next year it can be coordinated so that another lottery day is chosen, since the Hike is already scheduled for the same weekend next year, on the last Sunday in April.

Murtaugh looked on the bright side, noting that in some respects it was a good thing that the lottery occurred when it did. "All of the students milling around in front of Beinecke for the lottery saw all of the walkers fighting HIV and AIDS; they were almost forced into education and awareness. It was great."

Murtaugh and other Hike officials are still collecting funds from matching fund programs and from straggling donors. Anyone interested in making a contribution to the AIDS Hike for Life is invited to see any Hike official. The AIDS Hike For Life Steering Committee includes Steve Guditus '01, Kirk Pillow, Krystyn Schmerbeck '02, Andrea Cecchinato '01, Josh Conklin '01, Miriam Hidalgo '03, Amanda Mereau '02, and Will Murtaugh and Jeannine Murtaugh.



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Hikers Thanh Bui '03 and Andrew Magyar '03, two of the 500 participants.

Phi Beta Kappa elects nine new members

by Lauren Perkins '04
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton's chapter of the oldest and most esteemed honor society in the country recently held its second of three yearly elections for students worthy of the honor.

Nine new member were elected at the most recent election. They are Pamela Dixon, Janet Davis, Ian Fiebelkorn, Lauren Ivison, Abby McDermott, Meghna Rakshit, Erin Reid, Emily Sensenbach, and Erin Waters.

Phi Beta Kappa established an Epsilon chapter at Hamilton in 1871. Each year, the inductees sign their names in the same book that all of Hamilton's past members have. This May will mark the 130th year of this historic signing.

Students are selected for membership in acknowledgement of their high academic achievement in the classroom and also their fulfillment of the goals and principals of the college. Most have maintained a grade point average of 90 or above. Election to the organization is also based on students' successful completion of a liberal breadth of coursework while at Hamilton. Currently, members of the Class of 2001 who rank roughly in the top ten percent of their class are eligible.

Dixon says that Phi Beta Kappa at Hamilton College "shows comparable colleges and universities that our students are capable of reaching such high qualifications."

Ivison also recognizes the great academic achievement that the society aims to acknowledge. "It is something I have worked hard for. I am very proud of receiving this honor."

Frank Lorenz, curator of special collections for the college said, "Many graduates of Hamilton who later became prominent figures in society have been elected." Past members of Hamilton's Epsilon chapter of Phi Beta Kappa have included such distinguished figures as Alexander Wollcott and B.F. Skinner.

Close to forty students will be inducted into the society during the morning of Commencement. The third election will be held during senior week. Dixon spoke on behalf of her fellow soon-to-be inductees saying, "We should be happy and thankful for this recognition."

Student Facilities Committee recommends changes for ELS, Beinecke, Little Pub

by James P. DuVernay '03
NEWS EDITOR

Tuesday night, after months of work, the Students Facilities Committee presented the results of its feasibility study for creating a student union. Working with architect Charlie Belson from the firm *Ewing, Cole, Cherry & Brott*, the committee presented an outline for changes or improvements to eight facilities.

The improvements would center on the Emerson Literary Society (ELS) building near Beinecke Village. The study suggests adding an Opus-like café, convenience store, "hang-out space," a basement game room, and 12-16 offices for student activities to ELS.

Committee Co-Chair Hunter Kurtz '01 believes the proposal satisfies the need for a "centrally-located and convenient place for students to gather."

He also sees great benefit in bringing student offices and meeting spaces together. "This plan should help bring all organizations together, facilitate communication between them, and produce a better atmosphere overall on campus," Kurtz said.

Other important aspects of the proposal involve connecting ELS with Beinecke Village by way of an enclosed glass walkway, creating a new "village green" between the buildings, and adding an enclosed porch extended from the north wall of the mail center.

The plan also suggests improvements to the Annex and Bundy Dining Hall, as well as creating a full-service kitchen in The Little Pub.

Root Farm House will be explored for potential usage in the future, but the current plan does not include any changes.

The committee plans to meet again to finalize their report. Armed with their results, a few key members of the committee will present their results during the summer meeting of the College's Board of Trustees.

Approximately ten students and five administrators and staff, among them President Eugene Tobin, attended the 8 p.m. meeting. Student Assembly's last Town Hall meeting about the student union attracted nearly 80 students.

Kurtz expressed some disappointment with the turnout, but he did acknowledge that students are very busy during the last week of classes. "Because of our time frame, however, we had to present this week," he added.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Gore finishes teaching job

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Vice President Al Gore has taught his final journalism class at Columbia University, and while a book is in his future, running for office may not be.

"I don't know if I'll ever be a candidate," Gore told students Wednesday. "I need more time and distance from the last experience."

He is writing a book with his wife, Tipper Gore.

Students said that having Gore as a professor was a mixed bag.

"It's really a problem to have a professor who's afraid to say what he thinks," said Seth Solomonow.

"I learned how to interact with a very intelligent, highly connected and experienced source who isn't there to tell me what I want to know, he's there to tell me what he wants me to know," said student Michael Arnone.

Gore brought in Rupert Murdoch, David Letterman and Alan Greenspan as guests for the class.

He refused to answer students' questions about the election, saying he didn't want to criticize President Bush during a "period of constitutional vulnerability."

Journalists were not allowed to observe the class and Gore refused requests from the media for news conferences on campus. Students were forbidden to tape or provide transcripts of the class to the media, although a few quotes leaked out during the semester.

Fire kills one U. Texas student, injures another

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — A University of Texas-Austin student died and another was critically injured as a result of an early morning fire at University Towers, a private dorm at 801 W. 24th St.

Both victims were taken to Brackenridge Hospital, where Anoor Hajee, a business freshman, was pronounced dead on arrival and Zawardy Ab Latiff, a petroleum engineering sophomore, was transported to the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio. He suffered burns on more than 80 percent of his body and is in critical condition as of press time.

Arcy Langoria, a spokeswoman for Brooke Army Medical Center, said he was suffering from 45 surface burns and is heavily sedated.

The official cause of death for Hajee may not be released for at least a few days, said Darlene Dunn, office manager of the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office.

Austin Fire Department officials said the cause of the fire could not be determined, and the investigation will continue today.

NAACP, student leaders discuss safety concerns at Penn State U. town meeting

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — "The village" in the Pennsylvania State University HUB has taken the adage "safety in numbers" to heart.

Students and community members gathered for a town meeting Tuesday night to express their concern about their safety on and off campus, as well as during next weekend's graduation ceremonies.

The NAACP and the Penn State Black Caucus sponsored the meeting. Taj A. Brown, a member of the NAACP Board of Directors, encouraged the audience members to speak their minds as Black Caucus members recorded the comments.

"Every student's concern is legitimate to us," Brown said.

One issue that repeatedly came up was that of security at graduation. The threatening letter sent to Black Caucus President Lakeisha Wolf on April 20 contained a bomb threat for graduation.

As it stands, the administration plans to sweep the buildings before each graduation ceremony, but those at the meeting said they want more.

"I think there needs to be metal detectors," said Jeffrey Johnson, NAACP National Youth Director.

He said the Black Caucus and students should pressure the university to implement these stricter safety measures.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

China warns of arms race

BEIJING (AP) — China warned on Thursday that President Bush's proposed missile defense system could spark a new arms race and undermine world peace, and state media slammed him as being a "weak" leader.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao urged Washington not to scrap a 1972 arms control treaty placing severe limits on anti-missile systems, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said.

"We believe the Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty is the cornerstone for safeguarding global strategic balance and stability," Zhu was quoted as saying.

The brief report on Xinhua was the first official Chinese reaction since Bush outlined his plans for an anti-missile project Tuesday in Washington. It repeated previous Chinese government objections about abandoning the 1972 treaty, which the United States signed with the now defunct Soviet Union.

"If the treaty is destroyed, global strategic balance and stability will be broken, and the international arms control process and nonproliferation efforts will be impeded," the report said, paraphrasing Zhu.

The official People's Daily said Bush was pushing forward with missile defense over world objections because he fears being seen as a weak leader.

In an analysis of the new administration, the newspaper said Bush was taking a hard line to compensate for the narrow margin of his victory in last year's presidential election.

"Bush is trying to eradicate from his own mind the shadow of being a 'weak president,"' the article said.

The Bush administration is considering a missile defense system that could be rushed into operation as early as 2004, possibly relying on weapons aboard ships or planes as well as on land.

Milosevic handed U.N. indictment

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic was served an arrest warrant Thursday and a list of war crimes charges against him, after the U.N. tribunal at The Hague threatened Belgrade with sanctions if the former leader was not issued the indictment.

AP

Slobodan Milosevic.

The document was handed to Milosevic, who is being held in the Central Prison, so he can "get acquainted with its content," the Belgrade District Court said in a statement obtained by The Associated Press.

The move ends a long-simmering dispute over whether the indictment had actually been handed over to Milosevic after it was presented to Yugoslav authorities last month by Hans Holthuis, chief registrar of the court, based in The Hague, Netherlands.

Tribunal spokesman Jim Landale said the court had received confirmation that the warrant had been delivered to Milosevic personally.

Dutch to open drug drive-thru shops

VENLO, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch authorities plan to open two drive-thru shops next year where "drug tourists" can buy marijuana and hashish.

The officials in Venlo say they want to make it easier on Germans who flock to the southern Dutch border town for drugs by opening two coffee shops with drive-thrus selling drugs such as marijuana and hashish.

They also want to keep the "drug tourists" from lingering in the Netherlands, where so-called soft drugs are legally sold in small quantities.

Drug tourists draw street dealers selling illicit harder drugs, creating "an environment that generally makes ordinary people feel unsafe," said Venlo spokeswoman Tamira Hankman.

Hankman couldn't say exactly what the shops will offer, but she said they would not be like Amsterdam cafes where visitors can enjoy a cup of coffee and a joint, but no hard drugs or liquor.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled by Will Fuhrman '04

Bush plans energy consumption cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush plans to order federal agencies in California to turn off escalators and keep building temperatures at 78 degrees in order to cut energy consumption in power-strapped regions such as the West Coast.

Bush is sending his energy secretary to California to underscore his concern.

Bush was to issue the presidential directive Thursday, after meeting with Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz.

He was going to ask heads of executive departments and agencies to identify areas where energy savings might be achieved, an administration official said Wednesday. Another said federal agencies were being asked to conserve energy by turning off escalators and keeping building temperatures at 78 degrees.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush's directive would apply to any region that may have energy problems, "but clearly the principal area is California."

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was expected to point to the Pentagon and other military facilities as places where significant energy savings can be achieved.

From the White House meeting, Abraham was to fly to San Francisco and other California cities during a two-day trip. He was to discuss the plan with federal officials in the state during his trip, part of an effort to "educate federal employees on how they can save energy," one said.

It was not clear how much of a reduction Bush would order at federal sites. But two officials said Bush was pressing for an energy reduction at military installations as well.

Alaska house passes cruise ship bill

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — A bill that would regulate cruise ship pollution has passed the Alaska House, moving the state closer to adopting the strictest rules in the country for the industry.

The ships have come under increased scrutiny since two companies were convicted in 1999 of violations. The measure, passed Tuesday night by the House, covers air, water and solid waste pollution by cruise ships. It now goes to the state Senate.

Gov. Tony Knowles' spokesman, Bob King, said the legislation meets the governor's requirements that the state have authority to set and enforce standards for industry discharges and independently monitor them.

"It will be comprehensive," King said. "It will include air quality, solid waste."

The measure requires the ships to register, and in doing so they will sign a document agreeing to comply with the state standards.

Tom Dow of Princess Cruises, who helped negotiate the deal for North West CruiseShip Association, said he's pleased with the bill. Some ships coming to Alaska this year are already equipped with new technology that will help them operate more cleanly, he said.

Gang inmates still linked to crime

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — Some send orders to kill through the mail, disguised as letters to lawyers. Others use codes or scrawl instructions on scraps of paper for visitors to smuggle out.

Despite languishing deep within maximum-security prisons, gang leaders in California have orchestrated hundreds of murders from their cells, authorities say.

Late last month, federal prosecutors made their first attempt to curb gang leadership at Pelican Bay State Prison, the state's highest security facility. Five high-ranking Nuestra Familia gang members were indicted for allegedly giving jailhouse orders to kill at least five people between 1997 and 1999.

But the state Corrections Department says there's little it can do to stop other killings, ordered by inmates who have nothing to lose and nothing but time.

In California, 160,000 people are in prison, another 120,000 are on parole and at least one-third of the total are gang members, said Brian Parry, assistant director of the Corrections Department.

Deemed high-risk, most gang leaders at Pelican Bay live in the 1,056-bed "prison within a prison" known as the security housing unit. They live alone in cells that have a glass wall so that guards can always see inside.

39th U.S. president inspires thousands at field house

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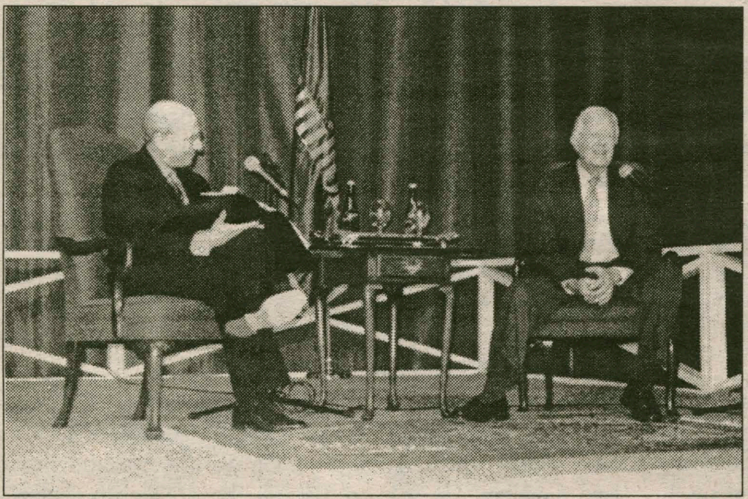
as worthy as I am, but not as fortunate?"

Carter concluded his formal speech by returning to his definition of environment, and asked his audience, "What can I do to create the conditions under which the human soul can flourish?" The



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President Tobin asks Carter a question submitted by a member of the Hamilton community.

former president then quickly and humbly returned to his seat despite a standing ovation.

"I thought that Jimmy Carter was, along with Bishop Tutu, the most impressive speaker we have had here in the Great Names Series," said Barbara Gold, associate dean of faculty and professor of classics. "It is hard to disagree with anything that he said or that he believes in. He is a truly decent person who not only stands up for what he believes but also spends most of his time and money making sure that the causes he cares so passionately about - peace, justice and human rights – are advanced and highlighted."

As evidenced by several outbreaks of applause during the speech, many in attendance agreed with Carter's message. "I was glad to hear him say straight out that being privileged puts people in a position of moral responsibility, and that a better world means a world where people have more of a chance to live safe and healthy lives," said Bonnie Urciuoli, chair of anthropology. "There hasn't been a lot of morality, and I'm not just talking about Clinton's little escapades, coming out of the US presidency this half century. For me, Jimmy Carter really is a moral voice."

Other audience members agreed. "His talk reaffirmed my thoughts of what a great humanitarian he is," said Kelly Walton, staff assistant in the office of the Dean of Faculty. "It was a unique opportunity to hear firsthand his account of how the decisions he made as president have evolved historically. I admire his willingness to help other countries by being invited to monitor their elections."

"He is an incredible speaker – so inspirational in everything he's done – before, during and after his presidency," said Jen Moffett '01. "Now I'm not surprised he served only one term: he's too kind to be a politician. Having him speak was absolutely good for the college. Everyone left with a feeling of inspiration, wanting to do something good."

This was the first event to be televised on the campus network after the cable network was activated this past winter, explained Tim Hicks, director of audiovisual classroom services. "It's very simple to send a signal to every TV on the campus, place the camera, run the signal through a modulator and plug it into the wall," he said. "This job took a few hours for the technician from Falls Earth to connect us to the returns in Christian Johnson. Now, within a half hour we could send a signal from CJ anytime we want."

Some members of the Hamilton community and select guests spent time with President Carter before and after the speech. About 200 people attended a post-talk reception held directly behind the stage in the field house.

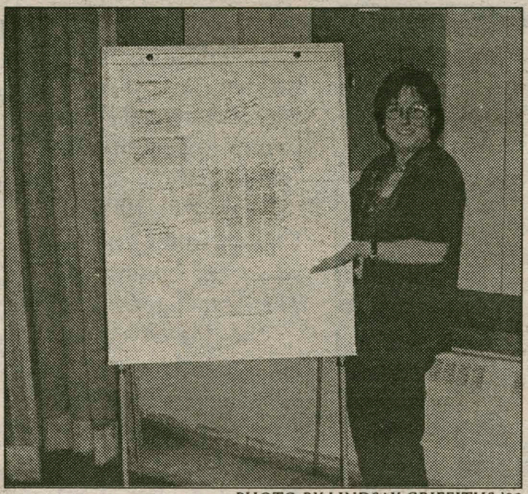
"The reception was hot and crowded but Jimmy Carter smiled warmly at all who passed by and even took the time to give my 89-year old mother-in-law a hug and a kiss!" said Gold, one of those selected by lottery to attend the reception. Twenty students who are campus and community service leaders attended a dinner at President Tobin's beforehand with Carter and Linowitz.

"I thought it was great that President Carter came to Hamilton, considering he really doesn't normally do speaking events like this," said Deenah Byramjee '03, Student Assembly vice-president and one of the student invitees. "I was thrilled to get to meet him, even though it was just briefly. In that brief time though, he came across as incredibly genuine and sincere."

"I liked getting to meet him," said Ali Jackson '02, who led an Alternative Spring Break trip to John's Island, S.C. this March. "I sort of wish everyone could have gotten to eat at the table with President Carter, but I understand why they didn't. All in all it was a great experience."

Organizers were thrilled with the relative smoothness and festivity of the event. Potter Hayes explained that Carter's visit was managed by committee, but that attendees should be aware of the exceptional effort which Beverly Low, Theresa Gallagher, and Lisa Magnarelli '96 put forth to make the evening such a success. "Theresa and Lisa were in charge of all the special groups and their busses," Potter Hayes said. "It was a huge logistical matrix of timing the busses, and designating seats for each group depending on its size. Bev managed the entire house the evening of the event, and she was a super stage manager." Twenty-one busses traveled to and from campus that evening, and the group that came from furthest away was from South Kortwright High School in downstate Delaware County.

"I thought his was an excellent talk," said Rachael Anderman '01. "The way he is so concerned about people's rights and his interest in peace is so commendable. I think he was a good choice of speakers. Carter talked about things people here do not often think about, such as fair elections



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Bev Low explained the complicated seating chart used to accomodate the 5,500 people who attended the Carter speech.

in other countries, developing democracy, and keeping peace."

Potter Hayes said Carter's Secret Service entourage numbered seven, and that they were extremely cooperative and accommodating. "They didn't tell us how to run our event. The agents simply asked us what the plans were, and checked out a few basic security measures in the buildings where Carter was." Two agents did walk-throughs of campus earlier in the week, observing campus traffic patterns and familiarizing themselves with the field house.

"It was a beautiful evening, as people streamed in from all corners of campus toward the Field House," Potter Hayes said. "It really was a festive occasion for Hamilton."

This Week In Hamilton History

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25 YEARS AGO
April 30, 1976

HAMILTON ELIMINATES GRADUATION SPEAKER

Hamilton's Commencement, set for June 6, will break stride with the recent past and include student speakers, a charge from the president, and no keynote address. President Carovano will deliver a "three or four minute" charge to the graduating seniors. In the remainder of the time usually consumed by a commencement speaker - 20 or 30 minutes - members of the Class of 1976 will have the opportunity to address the ceremonies in Sage Rink. "An agreement in principle was reached that we would like student participation," President Carovano said after discussions with John Petricone, Senior Class President. Petricone said any senior who wishes may speak, but must contact him and submit a petition of intent by May 11.

WALKATHON EARNS $1700 FOR OXFAM, FOOD BANK, ABC

The De-Feet Hunger Walkathon, held last Saturday in Clinton, involved more than eighty participants and hundreds of sponsors, and approximately $1700 was pledged to benefit OxFam, Utica Food Bank, the A Better Chance (ABC) program of Clinton. The participants, aged seven to seventy, were about evenly divided between Hamilton-Kirkland students and local residents, according to Pattey Blumenthal and Fran Chalin, Kirkland students who organized the walkathon. Sponsors contributed from one cent to three dollars per mile. The walk was fifteen miles long.

BROWN PROFESSOR CREATES COMPUTER GRAPHICS

Professor Tom Blanchoff of Brown University will speak Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the Science Auditorium on "The Fourth Dimension and Computer Animated Geometry." Blanchoff has programmed a computer and hooked it up to a TV screen to give a projection of a three dimensional picture of a four dimensional object. Once the image has been projected, it can be manipulated into any desired position by the twist of a dial.

Such graphics projections are useful, Blancoff says, "whenever a researcher may have several different variables, and might want to look at several different combinations of those variables at once." The computer-TV design technique is called "computer graphics."

6 YEARS AGO
May 5, 1995

RASH OF GRAFFITI STRIKES THE HAMILTON CAMPUS

A rash of graffiti struck the Hamilton campus during the early hours of Wednesday morning. Spray-painted by unknown vandals on Root Hall, Kirkland Cottage, Christian-Johnson Hall, Beinecke Student Village, the List Building, and the Kirner-Johnson building, the graffiti included the messages "Res. Life sucks" and "C&D [Communications and Development]=CIA," as well as expletives in other locations. The vandals also struck the Bronze Map of the campus, painting on it a dollar sign and the words, "Property is power." President Eugene Tobin quickly condemned the acts of vandalism. "The use of spray paint to deface building and campus symbols is unacceptable behavior and will not be tolerated," he said in a statement on Thursday.

CREW TEAM DEDICATES NEW BOATHOUSE

Alumni, parents, and administrators joined together to celebrate the dedication of the Crew team's new boathouse last Saturday. The event marked the culmination of extensive fundraising efforts and a watershed year in the Crew team's history. In the past year the team purchased a new launch, three new boats (two eight mans and one four man) and four new sets of oars which included two sets of hatchets. "This brings Hamilton Crew up to a new level," commented Jim Morehead '95, the team's head coach.

ROMA'S EMPLOYEE AWAITS TRIAL, MAY FACE PRISON

The trial of Steve Franchelle, the Roma's delivery man charged with second degree burglary, remains pending. After felony and probable cause hearings, Kirkland Town Court Judge Vincent Scholl ruled that reasonable evidence exists to believe that Franchelle will face a possible jail sentence.

The history of Steve Franchelle's case dates back to early March when a Hamilton student filed a complaint that he saw two people in his lounge area in Millbank Residence Hall at 5:20 a.m. The student had been sleeping in the lounge, and was woken by the two individuals, apparently trespassing in the area. The suspects fled when they realized that the student had awoken.

Franchelle's attorney, Public Defender Frank Nebush remained upbeat, commenting, "I feel bad for the guy. He's just a poor stiff who was working his tail off.

Editorial

Alas, another semester at The Spec is drawing to a close. And at the risk of being sappy, we must bid adieu to several more seniors as they embark out into the "real world," likely pursuing future endeavors that involve anything but journalism. We could spend the next few paragraphs singing the praises of each and every senior, citing how instrumental they were in building The Spectator into a respected, if not always cherished, publication. Or we could write a heartfelt "we'll miss you" kind of tribute that each and every one of them deserve. But lets face it, that would be boring. Instead, we will remember our seniors as follows:

Sam Evans, Science Editor: There are many dimensions to Mr. Evans, whose tenure as editor rivals that of his heftier partner in crime W.J. Gormley ('00.5). First there was mischievous Samuel, whose rapid rise to the top of The Spectator food chain, which took him as high as managing editor first semester sophomore year, brought him fame and glory but not happiness. Unsatisfied, Sam took a year-long hiatus and returned a new man, with the same energy and passion for journalism accompanied by the label of "Spectator bad boy." To rectify his image, Sam soon came up with a novel idea - the science section. Knowing that no one would find him there, Sam has remained hidden behind several pages of atoms and genomes for the past two years. The scheme worked, and the science section will live on thanks to Sam.

J.P. LeBlanc, Insights and Ideas Editor: This Canadian heartthrob gets nothing but a "Thumbs Up" for his efforts in his only year as editor. While his struggles ranged from PageMaker to bathroom etiquette, he emerged as one of the most mild-mannered, soft-spoken members of the Spec staff. While some of his ideas may have been rejected , his insight was unlimited, especially that which dealt with the female anatomy and the art of prank calling. But J.P., as for those bar-scaling strip shows at The Rok - Thumbs Down. (Big thumbs up from Reynolds!)

Matt Olney, A&E Editor: Using his hero Hunter S. Thompson as inspiration, Matt has taken the Arts and Entertainment section to new heights. Despite having an undermanned staff, Matt has gotten the most out his writers - in more ways than one. Hiring only females, Matt has made a point of attending each and every movie review with his writers in order to maintain a "professional" relationship, providing escort service to and from the job. Of course, Matt insists on doing all the "dirty" work, which comes as a relief to his girls, er, writers. He is truly one of the greats. Oscar previews will never be the same.

Peter Ringel, Parking Editor: Ringel served as the catalyst for The Spectator this semester with his constant presence and determination. It pains us to report that there will not be a third installment in his parking series this week, but don't fret - he wrote a half page swan song about himself. Quick, turn to page 7!

Cristen Sargent, Features Editor: After breaking off her relationship with a certain troubled ex-managing editor, Cristen decided to go abroad for a semester to rediscover her inspiration for journalism. This provided her with the spark she needed, and she returned to the Spec staff with a new-found fire which translated onto paper, and occasionally other pieces. She enjoys burning the midnight oil on Thursday nights in the Spec room more than anything ...well, almost anything.

Justin Tyler, Insights and Ideas Editor: While not spending time fulfilling his role as "campus funnyman," Justin was a delightful addition to the staff for several years. His articles challenged people to make conscious efforts to meet as many people as possible, regardless of looks or age. Justin even practiced what he preached, developing close personal relationships with people much younger and much better looking than he. His benevolence and kind spirit will be sorely missed next year, won't they, Aurelia?

As these folks depart from our campus their presences will be sorely missed, but their legacies will live on for years at *The Spec*. Good bye, great luck, and thank you!

-Christopher LaRosa and
Christopher Preston

Carter inspires student, first hand account

Before entering the humid Field House on Monday night to hear this semester's Great Names speaker, about 20 students had the opportunity to meet and dine with former President Jimmy Carter. I was one of those students.

The experience of meeting Jimmy Carter is one that I will not soon forget. The evening began with handshakes and introductions. Then dinner was served and seats were taken. It must have been my lucky day because I was able to sit next to President Carter at dinner. At the table with us were a few other students, Ambassador Linowitz and some other adults, affiliated with Hamilton.

Throughout dinner, President Carter told stories about the experiences of his life. He talked about how Millard Fuller established Habitat for Humanity, his trips to places around the world, and current issues such as the AIDS epidemic in Africa and the threats of President Bush to drill in Alaska.

President Carter is a warm and gentle soul, whose greatness is not intimidating, but inspiring. At one point during dinner, references were made as to how old he was, but he didn't look old to me. He looked alive, more alive than most other people. He seemed to me to be a book of life–with lots of stories and lots of empty pages left to fill. President Carter also seemed to know that he would fill those pages with stories just as life-altering and illuminating as the ones he already had tucked within his memory.

After dinner, when I arrived at the field house, I continued to be amazed as President Carter delivered one of the most meaningful, heartfelt and real speeches that I have ever heard. The experiences of that evening reinvigorated my passions to serve and help those who are less fortunate then myself, but who are just as worthy as I am to enjoy life to its fullest, but have been denied that chance thus far. And I just wonder if the rest of the community who heard President Carter's words feel the same.

Just imagine the good we could do if we all gave the smallest bit of ourselves to create a world environment in which all souls can thrive. Thank you President Carter for your inspiring words, I hope I can live up to the goals you have set for humanity.

-Krystyn Schmerbeck '02

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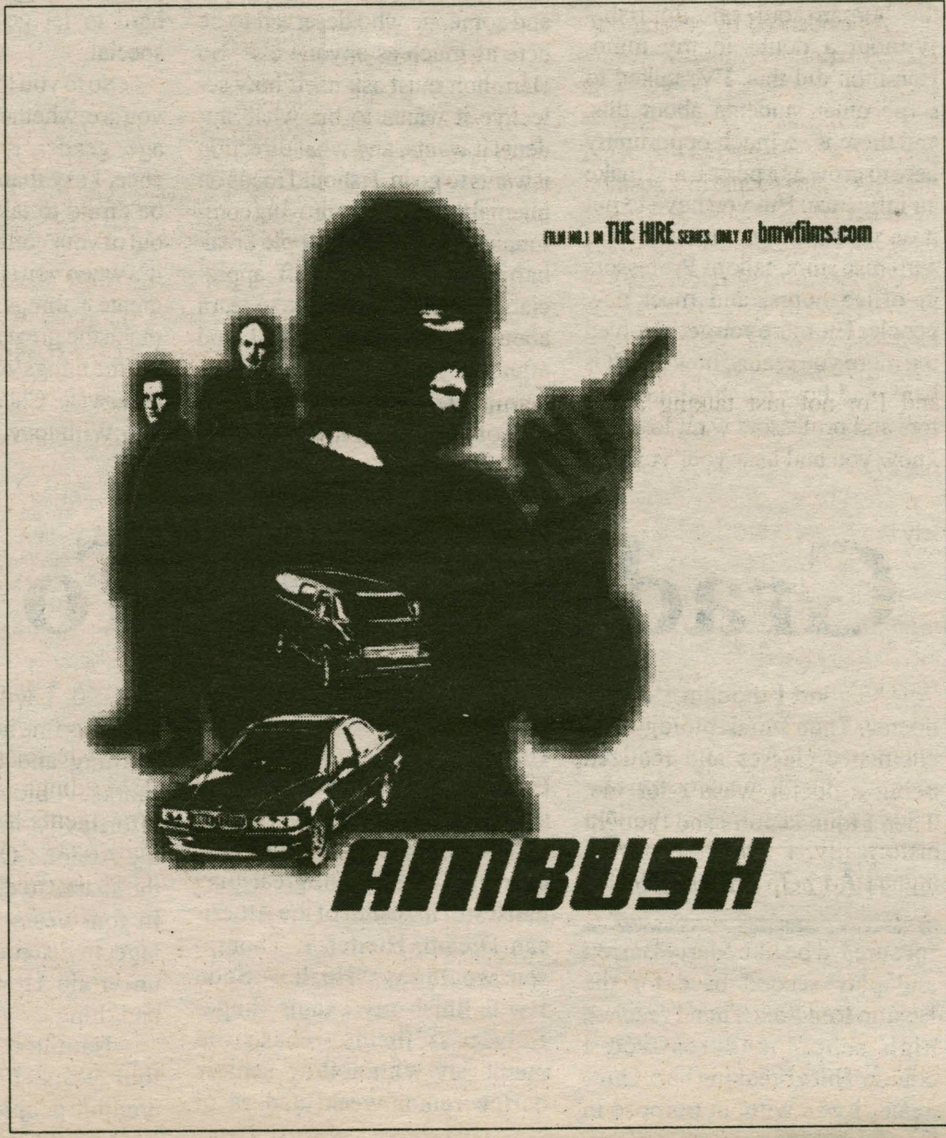

Insights & Ideas

The Last Article

SETH O'BRYAN

Well, I guess this is it. My last article, my last stretch run of being a student at Hamilton College. Soon my fellow seniors and I will graduate from college, which will be one of the most significant moments of our lives. We have no idea how much we will miss this place and how much our experience will mean to us. It doesn't hit you until months, years later. I'm not really sure what to say. As for these articles and being involved in general, you wonder if you made a difference, if people really got what you were saying and trying to do.

Sometimes you look out and see a lot of blank faces, and it's hard to know that you are doing well. It's hard to see liter all over the place or hear about people threatening other people at the housing lottery or listen to the politics and arguments at a Student Assembly meeting or a faculty meeting and know why you are doing what you are doing. My answer is easy, I had a great time, I met a lot of incredible people, and I've grown and learned so much.

On Monday night, Jimmy Carter said that a great college can "create conditions under which the human soul can flourish." Without a doubt in my mind, Hamilton did this. I've talked to some other students about this, and there is so much opportunity here to grow as a person and make an influence. But you have to put it on yourself to go out and meet administrators, talk to Professors in office hours, and meet new people. The more you get involved the more you realize how much is here, and how much administrators and professors want to get to know you and hear your voice. It won't come to you; you have to go search it out.

This year, I've been provided the opportunity for my soul to flourish. I think about the strategic plan and college rankings and what makes a great college, and a great college and rankings are not related. First, what makes Hamilton great and why I've grown so much is the opportunity and people.

From playing pool in the Pub on Friday with secretaries (much older than me) of academic departments to having a beer with an administrator talking about ideas for the college to chatting with professors about Hamilton life to seeing Marge everyday to daily chats with Dennis Murphy about life, my life, and smiling, these are what makes a person grow and teaches a person about themselves. These things will not factor into college rankings, but they make a great college. Also, there is no way to measure how good the academic program is, as most of Hamilton's academic program is fantastic, and rankings measure academic reputation which is only a reputation.

If Hamilton College was a Williams or Swarthmore, and was as selective as them, then I wouldn't have been here. I was rejected by both of those colleges. I consider myself a worthy student and someone who deserved to be here as much as anyone else. So Hamilton must ask itself how selective it wants to be, what students it wants, and what direction it wants to go in. It should focus on internal things like improving communication, helping people break barriers, improving staff appreciation. I came to college to learn about myself and the world, and after four years-three years of academics and athletics and a senior year of community involvement, I feel as though I've grown more than I could ever imagine.

Lately, there are these moments at random times where I literally have tears in my eyes thinking about the past four years and thinking about it ending. It's so hard. It's so hard to let go of the people and let go of the memories. It doesn't seem like it can end; you come here and assume life here is infinite. You don't ever want to let go. I think of my friends, how beautiful and special they are, how much they mean to me, how there's no way they can ever know how much I care about them. I think about my friends that are staff members, faculty, administrators, and how much they mean to me, and I wonder if they have any idea how amazing they are. It's hard to capture your true emotions in words; that's why all my articles frustrate me. There's really no way to say it. All those good and great things, and there's always something you leave out. I think about the girls who I've always been attracted to but never could figure out a way to tell them what I feel without sounding crazy. And it's all these things, all these memories, all these thoughts, and you have no idea how to let go of them without crying and smiling. The future is here, and it's beautiful and full of opportunity, but it's so hard to let go of something so special.

So to you the reader, whoever you are, whether you are whatever age, gender, race, sexual preference, I say thank you. Don't ever be afraid to take chances or step out of your comfort zone. Because it's when you step out of it that the greatest things happen, and you make the greatest discoveries and see the things you never would see otherwise. Cherish life, it's all we got. With love, Seth.

Thumbs Up

J.P. LEBLANC

Four years have passed since my arrival at the Hill, and I wish I could have them all back - each and every one of them. A lot has changed since I first stepped foot into my cubicle known as Major 310 (mostly my waistline and hygiene). I have witnessed the destruction of a wonderful utopia known as North Court, seen the erection of a concrete prison that failed to rejuvenate the social scene (we all know the Annex pretty much sucks), and stood by as numerous fraternity houses were transformed into luxury hotels.

I have wallowed through the stench of vomit and evaporating beer on the floors of South dormitory, racked roughly 47,897 dollars worth of parking tickets, stood by as Sarge kicked 87,983,234 underage socialites out of Don's Rok - put it this way, I've been here a while.

But for all the slack that the school gets, it's a pretty damned good place to spend a few years. For the most part, the faculty and administration are caring, committed to teaching, and most importantly, willing to listen. How many other schools have professors invite you into their homes for dinner, even more so, actually teach their own classes?

One of my favorite professors put it best when he said, "I don't really remember what I learned in school, but I remember the professors that meant something." For Hamilton College, that saying couldn't hold more truth. The instructor that taught me that is Professor Craig Latrell. He represents everything good and right about this institution. The man absolutely loves theatre, and will talk about it for hours if you let him. But more importantly, he genuinely cares about his students, and I cannot possibly thank him enough for encouraging me to pursue my dream.

Professor Latrell is not the only teacher to make a difference in my life. Creative Writing Professors Naomi Guttman and Doran Larson have sifted through so many pages of my sometimes crappy and mostly average writings that their eyes must cringe when I hand in another assignment.

French Professor Cheryl Morgan had to wait patiently while I struggled through an oral examination (but she made me use the subjunctive, so maybe she deserved it). And if any of you want to know who makes the best asparagus in the world, look no further then Ms. Morgan, although her lasagna rivals Professor Maggie Thickstun's for my faculty lasagna award.

For any of you who have had the opportunity to take a class with Thomas Bass, than you understand what he means to the student body. He was the first professor that ever, told me to have "fun with this paper." He was also the first professor, and perhaps first person ever to love Rambo for its cinematic content.

Let me not forget Professor Bob Simon, who was my golf coach for two and a half years. This man loves students, Hamilton, and hitting my Titleist driver 150 yards off the first tee.

And Professor Odamtten, who made learning fun.

This article couldn't be finished if I didn't thank my mother and father, who have exhibited an abnormal amount of patience in raising a creature that you call your son. Also, my mother would probably kill me if I forgot her.

Au revoir, Hamilton.

Graduation: To the Sharks I Go

MATT OLNEY

As a kid I thought I'd be a doctor. Then I took biology and chemistry classes and realized being a doctor wasn't for me. Then I found sports and thought for sure I'd be like Marty Barrett and play second base for the Boston Red Sox. Then I reached high school and realized I couldn't hit a breaking ball. Once again, I was without purpose in life. After high school graduation I figured, "hey, I'm going to Hamilton College. It will be in Clinton, NY that I'll find my station in life."

Well, my days of college are nearly through. As the great journalist still in search of the American Dream, Hunter S. Thompson, would say, "Ho, ho!" Soon I will finish my exams (hopefully pass them), rehash old memories with fellow seniors during senior week, and as of May 20, I will have graduated from this fine institution of higher learning and be thrown to the sharks. A bloody carcass tossed effortlessly into the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, waiting for the sharks to circle. That's right. In four years at Hamilton College my station in life is still uncertain. However, this is not a bad thing.

Hamilton has been a great four years. I've met some incredible people who I will surely stay close with as the years pass and I've been taught by some excellent teachers who gave us both their office and home phone numbers and mean it when they say they are willing to talk anytime of the day. I won't name names. You all know who you are. But the purpose of this article is not to thank professors or tell my drunken tales. Rather, the purpose of this article is to say that maybe college is not the place to "find yourself."

We are all bright, talented, and gifted students who excel in many different areas. Some of us are talented in the sciences and others in public policy. Some can hit that breaking ball I never could. Some of us leave Hamilton with jobs and are ready for the real world of bills and bulldammit. Others are traveling, either on the Euro-rail in Europe or are driving cross coun-

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Four years at *The Spec* and lots of memories

PETER RINGEL
THE RINGEL ANGLE

I can remember almost four years ago when Sports Editors Damon Lopez O'Dwyer '98 and Jason Santarcangelo '98 were writing their final articles for *The Spectator*.

I cannot remember if they were genuinely sad and shocked that their four years had come to an end sooner than they ever thought possible or whether or not I just remember it that way now that I am also writing my last piece for the newspaper.

There are few activities that I participated in every year I have been at Hamilton, but *The Spectator* was one of them. I wrote a lot of articles. A lot.

Someone once told me that if you looked on the old *Spectator* website, my name appeared an obscene amount of times. After all, for two years I wrote every football and men's basketball article that appeared in this newspaper.

But I did not only write sports. I remember bashing Oliver North in an op-ed before his visit almost four years ago.

North still did not get that many Americans do not view him as a patriot for circumventing the United States Constitution.

I ended up moving from Sports Editor to Managing Editor and with the "promotion" came increased responsibilities.

The funny thing I found about writing articles was that people who read them often believed that you had a personal ax to grind or that you did not like someone so you wrote articles to hurt them.

That is simply not true. There was never one person I ever wrote about that I did not like.

Another interesting thing about the newspaper is that it is so much bigger than the Hamilton campus. Students, faculty, and administrators read it, but so do parents, alumni, and others far away from Clinton, New York.

When I wrote the "Ringel Manifesto" as my good friend J.P LeBlanc '01 titled it, I ended up getting an email from Professor Thomas Bass in France saying hello and thanking me for mentioning him in my article and many other positive comments.

As Managing Editor, I had the ability to help people in minor ways, but it felt good. I helped Jeannine Murtaugh publicize the AIDS Walk last year by placing an ad in the paper every week to generate publicity for the event.

I also remember sending emails to writers and editors telling them to write articles about the Kirkland Project because Nancy Rabinowitz had asked me if it was possible to get an article or two about the presentations. She had been great to me when I was a freshman, and now I would help her out.

I told Nancy that I was in charge and that the articles would be done immediately.

Every once in a while, if you are lucky, you get to write a story that is big. I mean really big. The story may not make you friends with everybody, but will earn you respect with a great number of people for a long time.

One professor who has been here for over twenty years once told me that I was one of two students he had seen in all his years at Hamilton that would research and investigate extensively before writing an article.

He said my greatest work was an article I wrote last year on President Tobin's decision to remove Tom Murphy as Athletic Director and replace him with Dave Thompson.

I contacted trustees such as Tom Schwarz, Jeff Little, Kevin Kennedy, and others and wanted their reactions and their feelings about the decision. I spoke with faculty and administrators who had been here for a number of years to elicit their reactions and thoughts.

I also spoke to all the principal figures involved: Tobin, Murphy, and Thompson.

I got threatened, albeit indirectly, by one administrator, who told me not to write a second article about this subject, which I proceeded to write anyway.

This administrator thought I was just stirring up things and that the decision was final so there was no need to write a second article. It was time to move on, he said.

I like President Tobin. He is a great individual. Tobin has a tough job and though I questioned him and at times criticized him, I always had respect for him.

I could not imagine why someone as smart as Gene Tobin would have made the decision that he did regarding removing Murphy.

My conclusion is that Tobin was simply following the orders of certain trustees.

He is too smart to think that that decision was a good one.

Another result of that article was that suddenly everyone thought I did not like Swimming Coach Dave Thompson. Simply untrue. I knew Thompson a little bit, but never disliked the man. I never had anything against him, and I still don't.

I wrote the only way I knew how to write-fairly and accurately.

Perhaps one of the funnier things about that story was the way people reacted. Mass emails were sent out. Tons of them.

Jay Williams and Sidney Wertimer, both of whom have been here since President Eisenhower was in office, sent out emails with very different takes on the situation.

Williams, who arrived on the Hill in 1960, believed that decisions made without an explanation leave much to be desired.

"Such actions in a small community can only lead to distrust, resentment and trouble," he wrote. "If I were a coach or any non-tenured member of the community I would be very nervous working for a college which acts so high-handedly."

Wertimer, who has been here since 1952, said that we should accept the decision and get on with our lives. "It should be clear that the decision will not be rescinded, so it is time to stop stirring the pot and to move on," he argued.

And now it is time for me to move on. I have had a lot of fun writing and editing and will always cherish many of the memories I had at *The Spectator*.

I had the chance to work with many great people and will never forget them, nor the work that I was involved with at the newspaper.

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try to see states and sites they have never seen before. And still, others are uncertain what tomorrow holds.

Regardless of where my class stands, my search continues, and I'm not sure where or when it will end. Maybe it will end tomorrow or maybe I will never find my station in life. I guess that is for something or someone beyond my control to decide. For now, I'll try to enjoy life as it comes to me. I will gamble and I will fail from time to time. But I am young and have a college degree, and for now that is enough. On May 20 I am being thrown to the sharks, but I will take them head on.

Swan Song

Everybody wants a swan song, one last thing for everyone to remember you by. I don't know, I don't like to say goodbye in black and white print.

JUSTIN TYLER

I've said my piece, Hamilton, taken my bows. It's been a good ride, and there is still a week or two of madness left. I'll be out there, come find me. Short and sweet. Happy Mundanes.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Spec Editorial Staff,

I want to commend you on the environmentally-focused editorial that appeared in the April 27, 2001 issue. It was great to see a piece that not only encourages all Hamilton constituents to "think globally and act locally", but also reminds those who hold the purse strings to make environmentally-responsible decisions about all future renovations.

I wholeheartedly agree that Hamilton needs to step up its environmental commitment and hope that the "greening" of our campus facilities becomes a high priority. While I am disappointed by the overall apathy towards recycling and the lack of any Earth Day initiatives on campus, I am excited to read that the Spec Editorial Staff is becoming passionate about making Hamilton more conscious about environmental issues.

I hope that none of you ever lose your passion for the subject and that all of you can inject some of your enthusiasm into others on campus. Keep up the excellent work!

Sincerely, Bryan McGrath

To the Hamilton Community:

I was surprised to see last week's article about the rise in campus damage, as it coincided with an event that already had me thinking hard about the subject. Last Thursday night as I was walking home from the Pub to Babbitt with a friend, a large group of obviously-intoxicated men walked in the same direction ahead of me.

I saw one of them throw an empty beer bottle over the bridge as we crossed it. It was not an unconcerned toss and not an accidental drop, but a calculated, intentioned, and very hard throw. Usually a shy, non-confrontational person, I felt my temper snap at his blatant disregard for my campus and for the people who will have to clean up the mess. I shouted, "Hey! Don't do that! That's a jerk thing to do." Although another person in the group acknowledged my outburst with a clearly-insincere apology, the bottle-thrower himself ignored me.

As we crossed McEwen circle and turned towards the suites, I watched as he picked up another bottle off the path (that someone had previously left for the grounds crew to take care of, of course) and threw it as hard as he could at Milbank, smashing it to bits. At this point my friend had left and I felt it unwise to get physically closer to the group of large, drunk men. I never saw the bottle-thrower's face, so I knew I could not report him the next day, and that's really not my style anyway. I felt my only alternative was to again voice my feelings (loudly) and just keep walking.

Fellow Hamilton students, it upsets me that some of you think so much of yourselves that you think it's okay to act like children, making messes for others to clean up, causing damage that the rest of us must pay for, and taking no responsibility for what you do. Since you clearly don't care about the other members of the Hamilton community, let me put it to you this way: It's in your own self-interest to make Hamilton the nicest, prettiest, and happiest place you can. It will soon be your alma mater and will be listed on your resume. How do you want your future prospective employers to think about Hamilton - as a dump where people have no respect for others, or as a beautiful place where people truly care about the community?

And to the rest of the community - the vast majority of us who do not fall under the category above - what else can we do to stop this? Does anyone have any suggestions for me - how could I have better handled my situation last Thursday? What could I have done, and not just said, that would have made more of a difference?

Finally, I'd like to challenge every Hamilton community member to speak up when you see someone throw a bottle, leave trash around, or perform other kinds of vandalism. I found out on Thursday that it's not hard to do, and it's the first step toward stopping the problem.

Sara Russell, '01

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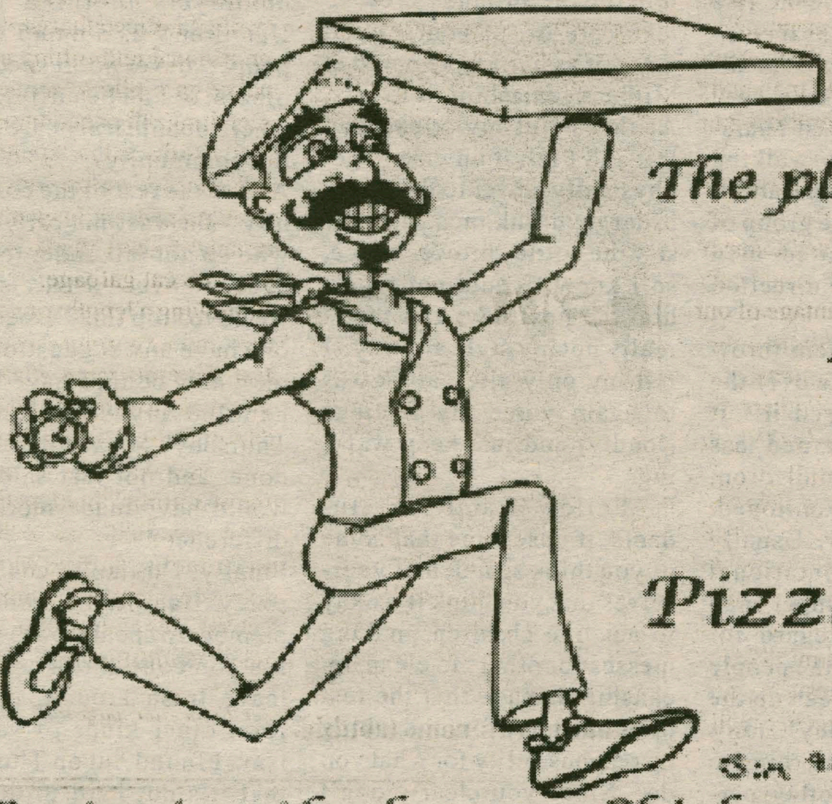

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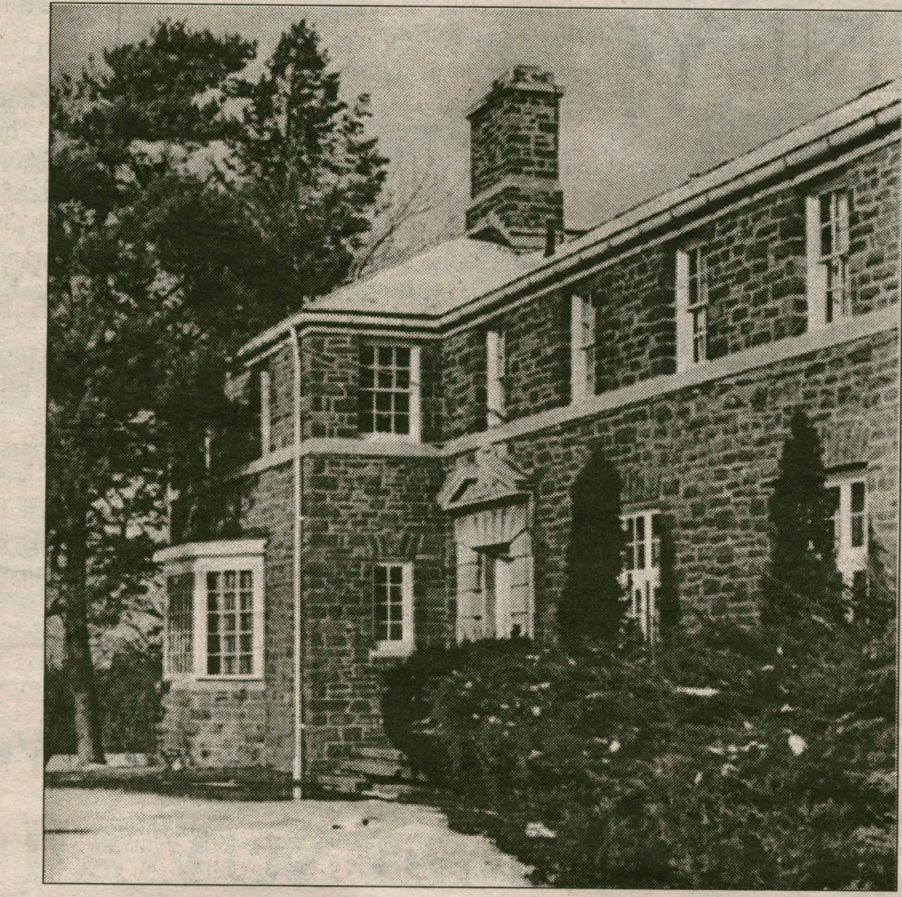


by 'Sig'mund Teek Chipster
N.W.B. EDITOR

In an 11th hour decision, the Hamilton College Board of Trustees decided to turn ownership of fraternity houses back over to the chapters.

"We were just f*@king with ya the whole time!!" said Casey Connolly, president of the Board of Trustees. "Ha ha!! Funny stuff."

Of the eleven houses that the College obtained, most have been fully converted into residence halls. However, campus officials agreed to reverse millions of dollars in construction and remodeling costs to return the houses to their original states.

"When the announcement came through, I signed myself to volunteer my Saturdays regrouting tile in the former, I mean, present, AD house," said Nancy Thumbson.

"We knew if we kept whining long enough, we'd get our way," said Steve Kelley '03. "I mean, it always worked on the playground."

"Sure, there's a real chance that date and acquaintance rape, and alcohol consumption may rise while academic and intellectual endeavors fall off, but hey, we'll chance it," said President Tobin. "Strategic marketing reports show that, in fact, houses may up our standings in the annual U.S. News & World Report rankings."

Although most students are looking forward to the return of the good old days of weekend-long house parties, male cohabitation, and the subjugation of women, they wonder why the college reneged on its 1995 decision.

"It must be because Williams has houses now," said Al Ham '01. "I'm glad we have our houses back, but maybe it would have been better if the school showed some sack and made their own decisions, you know?"

Welcome to the Spanktator.

Jesus calls but no one answers:

Campus phone mail stymies Lamb of God

by Coby Ty '00.5
PORN EDITOR

Trisha Yearwood '04 spent last Friday night waiting patiently by the phone in her Dunham quad. Waiting for a phone call that tragically never came.

Alerted to the idea that "Jesus will call all of his faithful to his side" by chalking during "Jesus Awareness Week," Yearwood was convinced that the Alpha and Omega would give her a buzz this Saturday and ask her to come on over.

"I mean I know he is busy and all, especial this time of year with the resurrection and ascension, but I'm a little pissed he never gave me a ring. I spend most nights at home waiting for some man, any man, to give me a call, but I thought Christ was different."

James Baker, of campus religious group Bible True Heart Undergraduate Ministries (Presbyterian Evangelical Reformed) or Bible THUM(PER) as they are more commonly known, echoed Yearwood's sentiments.

"We thought direct mass marketing phone calls from the king of kings would be the best way to spread the message that Christ has risen and wants to chat. He promised to call, and he didn't. What a bastard. He has let us all down."

Baker, age 21 of East Bumblefuck Ark., continued saying "Look, I know that the New Jerusalem phone system is a bit screwed up but it's got to be more convenient than the Gabriel's golden trumpet. We were not looking for a singing telegram for the Metrinon, just a hey how you doing from the WORD."

Jesus Christ, age 2000 of Nazareth in Judea, was unavailable for comment but in talking to sources in both Eleysia and Purgatory

The *Spanktator* was able to discover that the campus phone system and not divine indifference prevented Galilee's favorite son form talking to Yearwood.

According to Archangel Gabriel, Heaven's press agent, "Obviously the Son of God is a very busy man but I swear to you that he is concerned with talking to each and every one of the faithful. However in the incident to which you are referring technical difficulties interfered with the calls."

Gabriel continued by reading from a prepared statement attributed to the Lord of Lords "Look dude, I'm not used to the telephone. Nobody calls me on the phone...'cept for the pope maybe in Rome. I called the main number and then some buttercup was like "dog you need to call 4809 to dial by name." But shit, we don't have touchtone in the Kingdom of heaven. I mean good old J.C. likes to keep it real, Keeping it old school. I talked to pops and he was like "What, you think I know everything, you think I'm all powerful... baah, meschugena... you can get cellular if you want to talk to some schicksa." So the old man and I are working on the problem and we will call soon."

Campus representatives for AT&T apologized for any inconvenience caused to the son of man. "We hope that Jesus calls back and takes advantage of our new low 7 cents a minute international and trans-dimensional rates. Any time, anywhere the Shepherd can call his flock using AT&T."

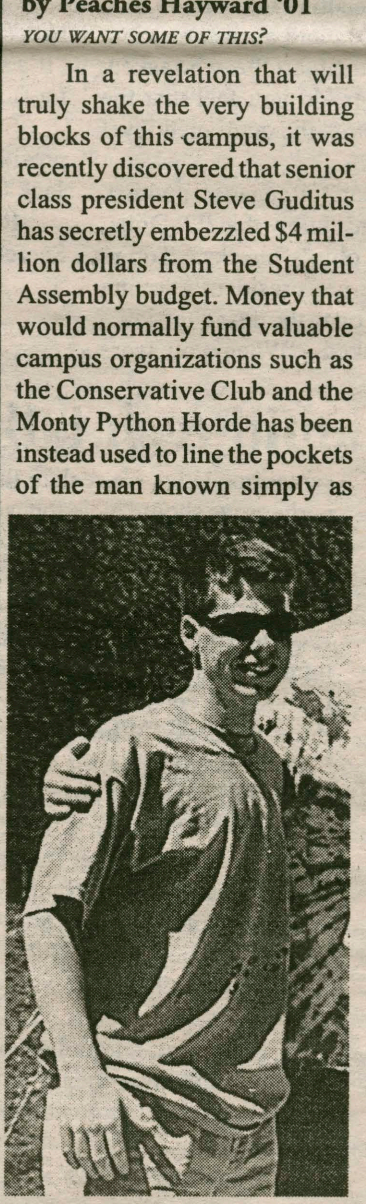
In a latebreaking development in this story, the Savior did in fact eventually get through to Yearwood but she wasn't home. "He left a message for me to call back but I can't get my PAC to work. Maybe next Jesus Awareness Week we can get in touch."

Innocent or dirty rat?

Guditus embezzles funds from SA

by Peaches Hayward '01
YOU WANT SOME OF THIS?

In a revelation that will truly shake the very building blocks of this campus, it was recently discovered that senior class president Steve Guditus has secretly embezzled $4 million dollars from the Student Assembly budget. Money that would normally fund valuable campus organizations such as the Conservative Club and the Monty Python Horde has been instead used to line the pockets of the man known simply as "Guditus."



Ooooh, you're in trouble.

Student Assembly members noticed that the budget for this semester was much smaller than usual, but the disparity was blamed on sophomore class president Maurice Michaane's penchant for stealing babies to supplement his army of midnight snack attack employees. Authorities then stumbled upon Guditus' trail of corruption. Crack detective and senior class rep.

Hunter Kurtz had this to say: "One night while I was out on one of my casual evening strolls I noticed that Steve was on Minor Field rolling around naked in a pile of money. I'd seen him roll naked in piles of Daily Bulls and he spent all of fall semester with a copy of the strategic plan in his pants, but money? I don't think so. And yes I do eat garbage."

Following a lengthy investigation and a rigorous essay contest, Guditus came clean and confessed to pilfering the funds. The only question left to answer was what did he do with the $4 million? In a taped interview (available as a hidden track on the Buffers yet to be released a cappella album "16 MORE songs from the Eighties"), Guditus told all: "It

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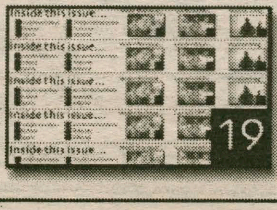

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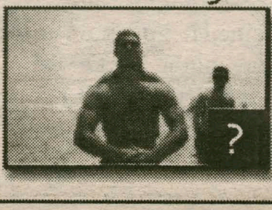

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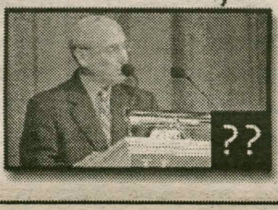
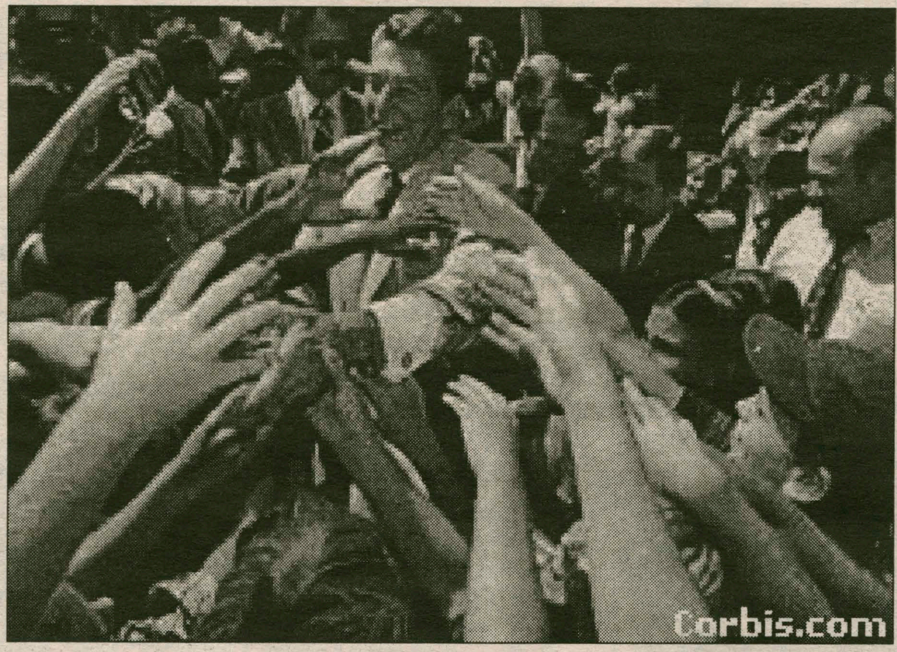


Reagan speaks to packed house

by Jo Flo Blo '02
THUGGZ EDITOR



Ronald Reagan greets his adoring fans outside the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House Monday night.

In a startling turn of events for both Ronald Reagan and the Hamilton College community, the Former President Vault, Inc. sent the 40th President to campus as the Great Names speaker. The company, which specializes in finding constructive tasks for former presidents to do, was contracted by the College to send peace-loving wimp Jimmy Carter to pacify its 1,650 students and Maurice Isserman, but in a personnel glitch, sent Reagan instead.

"What are you all doing in my office?" Reagan asked the capacity crowd of 5,000 gathered in the Field House. "At least pass the goddamn vanilla pudding over here, for Chrissakes. Bunch of commie pinko bastards. I'll say."

Reagan, known for strong economic and defense policies during his presidency, had no idea what the hell was going on. The former president came to the event decked out in a fuschia seersucker pantsuit, which was worn to the exact same occasion a year ago by his good friend Margaret Thatcher.

"Hey toots! You wanna get me a Bloody Mary while you're up?" he yelled to Eugene Tobin, college president, who was approaching the stage. Tobin flashed a smile at the crowd and whispered something in Ronnie's ear. "NO I DON'T WANT TO TAKE A NAPPIE! I want to know how ...how much is that doggie in the window, the one with the waggly tail..." At this point audience members extracted Bic lighters, which they waved in the air to the beat of this children's favorite.

Tobin quickly made the executive decision to skip the speech and begin the question and answer session. The first question came from John Stuart '02, who asked, "Now that the Cold War is over, do you feel that the American defense system warrants the continued level of funding it has received?"

"Does anyone have a jelly bean?" Reagan responded. "I was a movie star, betcha didn't know that?!? Didja, didja," he yelled, pulling on Tobin's cheeks. Tobin, extracting himself from the former president's loving grip, said, "Okay, sir, let's move on to the next question."

Maurice Michaane '03 asked, "When you were Governor of California, you supported Barry Goldwater. Did you agree with his extremist views? I did." Reagan responded, "Stakesey waksey, eggsy weggsy, and plastic cups. Lots of plastic cups."

Reagan decided to give himself a tour of Margaret Bundy Scott Fieldhouse. He treated the audience to an interpretive dance that highlighted the Iran Contra Affair. As he flailed his arms about and kicked his legs in the air Gene Kelly-style, the former president sang to the tune of Bonanza, "Bed Time, Bed Time, Bed Time, Bed Time for Bonzo."

Disgusted with the display at a cost of over $75,000, Dick Tantillo pulled the fire alarm. However, Hamilton student rose to their feet chanting, "RonNIE, RonNIE." The former president returned to the stage by way of the bunny hop amidst deafening applause.

"I thought this was the best damn speaker we ever had," said William "Mac" Bristol, alumnus trustee. "It's about time we had some excitement in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House, know what I'm sayin'?"

Students agreed. "Man, I never knew our Cold War president was so HOT. He was on fire up there!" said Jack Carter '01.

Reagan left the auditorium, escorted by Nancy, 12 Secret Service agencies and a white rabbit.

Guditus skims off the top, big time

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started small. My original plan was to write "TKE rules" in all of the bathroom stalls on campus for kicks, but come to find out someone already did that. Then I thought about using the money to erect a giant dome to completely cut the campus off from the outside world, and I did but no one seemed to notice the difference."

Guditus went on to claim that he had spent all of the money, but it was later discovered that he had stashed the rest of it in the humus bar in Commons. It was found in a bowl labeled "Embezzled Money" in between the baba ganoush and some tabouli carbon dated to 200 BC. A Common's patron discovered the money when a physical plant worker mistook the humus for tile grout. Guditus had no comment.

The Judicial Board has dealt with this case harshly and swiftly. Citing the landmark Jem v. The Misfits case of 1984 they have given Guditus a punishment that does indeed fit the crime: He must spend the next four years working in C & D embezzling money from stodgy old alumni. Guditus was last seen openly weeping.

Celebrate Drive Your SUV All Around Campus at 50 m.p.h. Day!

ITS cuts staff amid tech fall

by U. Dora
SPAM-EATER

Amid the plummet of the Technology Sector in recent weeks, ITS announced a drastic round of cutbacks. ITS cut 23 positions, mostly upper management, and reduced its service offerings.

Director of Information Technology Services David Smallen lamented the downsizing but explained that the current demand for technology services made cutbacks inevitable. "We haven't seen the growth we were expecting a year ago. After Napster started filtering content, use of the campus network is down 93% with no hopes for recovery. No one is going to use this thing for academic work," he said.

Economics Professor Erol Balkan further explained why divestment in technology is a wise move for Hamilton: "After several years of growth, we are beginning to see that increased technology use has little bearing on the education students receive. Two thousand Power Point presentations later, we realize that perhaps we should have focused our resources on content."

Balkan backed his position by referring to studies which show that the Rhetoric and Communications department is by far the biggest consumer of Power Point lectures. "While Rhet. & Com. is responsible for 45% of Power Point lectures on campus, their only contribution to the academic community over the past 20 years has been the continued refinement of the sender-receiver model, roughly .0000534% of the academic body of knowledge," he said.

"If we don't liquidate our Power Point investments now, we may never be in a position for growth again."

The bulk of the staff surviving the cutbacks is comprised of the under-paid, under-motivated, and under-helpful Student Assistant (SA) staff.

Couldnt Kare '04 has retained her position as the Thursday night Burke SA, "This is great. I'm still sitting in this fallout shelter, the basement of

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Spectator investigated for hazing

by Mal Ice '04
DEFAMER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Campus safety concluded an investigation into an alleged incident of hazing involving the staff of the Spectator this past Monday. After examining reports from each of the editors and writers, college officials concluded that the freshmen were subjected to various types of hazing involving drinking, nakedness, and other miscellaneous shenanigans.

Editor-in-Chief Christopher R. LaRosa '03 and Managing Editor Christopher R. Preston '03 were both given sentences of 200 hours of hard manual labor. In addition to cleaning up after golf matches and softball games, the two will have to generate electricity for Bundy West by rowing the erg machines in the basement, newly outfitted with electrical generators.

"After my editorial on environmental issues, I'm happy to take a lead in producing alternative energy for the College," said LaRosa.

The incident first came under investigation after a freshman writer told his Resident Advisor that they felt they had been hazed at a Spectator initiation during the production of the 4/20 issue. The RA reported the incident to campus safety.

"We try to ignore all hazing on campus to make sure that we don't look bad to prospective students, but this was especially heinous," said Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell.

The initiation event, planned by LaRosa and Preston, included three stops at which staff members played various games, including "Name that Journalist," "First Amendment Facts," and "Grammar Mistake Mania." In all the games freshmen drank when they couldn't answer the questions. If they refused to drink they were ostracized by the staff and referred to as "dorks."

"We really wanted to bring the staff together. We just didn't realize how low of a tolerance they all had," said LaRosa. He explained that after only two beers many of the freshmen were rolling around on the ground and taking off their clothes. "Some of the upperclassmen were doing it too, albeit after a six pack or two. It was one big OARgy."

Each of the editors told the new writers that they had to drink no matter what, said Preston. In his group one person opted not to drink at any of the stops, so he repeatedly beat him with rolled up newspapers found in Beinecke dumpsters.

According to Preston, similar events have occurred in past years. "It was a lot worse last year. I mean, it was our 4/20 issue and the only thing we made them inhale was old paste-up glue lying around the office," he said.

Spectator Advistor Bev Low expressed some dissatisfaction with the college's current alcohol policy, but acknowledged that the college had to respond. "The fact is that they drank a lot, but everyone on campus does that, so I don't see what the big deal is."

LaRosa has no plans to curb the tradition in the future, "Next fall we'll have a new class coming in. We'll just get them f*cked-up enough so that none of them can remember enough to file a complaint. That'll teach those tight-asses a lesson they'll never remember!"

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Burke, watching Melissa and the Seven Dwarves eat people's theses when I should be out downtown drinking. Oh well, I'll just keep giving the losers my "special recovery magnet" to restore the files on their floppy disks."

ITS eliminated most of its upper-management positions. Debbie Quayle, a victim of the cutbacks, has already located new employment; "I'll be working at the Clinton Elementary School monitoring the lunch table forum," she said.

Quayle's new responsibilities will include removing all 4th graders' writing utensil privileges in the event that they should write any personal reflections on the cafeteria tables. Quayle will also be Scotch-taping the fingers of students who are caught picking their noses.

Among the services no longer offered by ITS will be the online 'Community Forum.' Originally intended to keep dissent off Martin's way and all-campus e-mail lists, the forum has only seen 15 posts over the course of the semester, 50% coming from student assembly members.

Also among service cuts will be the new website. Admissions research showed that the majority of prospective students visiting the website fell under the impression that Hamilton is a two year school, citing the overly tackiness of the new website and the "Are you ready for this?" catch phrase as key influences in their conclusion that Hamilton has no academic substance.

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People on campus harbor very strange pets, dude

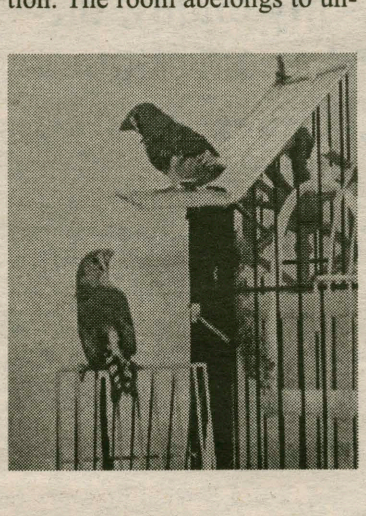
by Ace Ventura '34
EXECUTIVE JACKASS

People have some strange pets on this campus. Granted Hamilton can get pretty boring during long winter months. But

the pets that people get to ease the winter doldrums are just plain fucked up!

I decided to strap on my trusty digital camera and trek the campus to see what I could find lurking about. I had to knock on a couple doors and introduce myself and my mission to total strangers, but the pursuit of what to do when Hamtech gets you down is well worth it.

Stop one was an unnumbered room in an unnamed location. The room âbelongs to un-



named people. They own Max, a boxer. They also own a Cayman crocodile that sits in a cage until people decide they want to play with it. Max doesn't fetch frisbees, but he's a cute dog.

Next stop was another undisclosed location where two zebra finches live. These small, spazzy creatures are stupid, said the owner. When I was in the room they flew around and made a racket and wouldn't stand still for a picture, but I got that picture alright. Look at it. Those are zebra finches, dammit!! Their names are Gill and Robert Riley. Apparently loud noises freaks these birds out, and recently there have been a lot of

fire alarms where they live, which has caused the owner some trauma.

Then I walked to a place where another reptile was chillin in a tank. This one was an alligator said a friend of the owner. Its name is Poseidon. It gets taken out on occasion to play, and it eats fish and mice. "I fed it a mouse once, and it was kind of

cool," said the friend of the owner. Once it tried to bite some schmuck who stuck his fingers in the cage.

My next destination was a lizard den. Man there is some strange shit in there!! One is an aligator gar, the other is a plycostomas, I think. Then there was this tray of bizarre little animals and a tank with a big ass lizard in it. There was another cage with this other weird looking lizard and that was odd too.

But by far the most twisted shit I saw on this journey to the seamy underbelly of hamilton boredom was FS 1. FS 1 stands for Flying Squirrel 1. Yes folks, its true, someone on campus owns a Louisianna flying squirrel. About the size of a chipmunk, this little sucker hangs out qui-

etly and unassumingly until its owner balls it up and throws it across the room. Then the animal uses its well adapted wing-like things to coast to safety on a couch or a body. The thing was really cute, but honestly, who gets a flying squirrel these days?

So it seems that most people who have strange pets on campus, though not all, enjoy getting stoned and playing with their pets. At times though the animals get the better of the owner in his/her debilitated state. One guy almost got his lip bit off by a lizard. But you know, whatever gets you through the winter, right?

Twist

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This one wasn't so successful, though, because I cried like a baby. Sure, some might argue that such an event is a success (emotions ran high throughout this taste test, and this could simply have been a reaction to the end being near). More likely, though, this was me "feeling the burn". After about an hour of running in concentric, clockwise circles, conjuring up spirits, I hit a plateau - or the wall, I don't quite remember.

The important thing that I realized, though, when I came to, was that I survived. I had survived these Four Amigos of household maintenance, despite the haunting warnings adorning each container. So I ask you, the reader, is a Clorox cocktail so much worse than an apple that is riddled with pesticides? Bon appetit.

Insights & Ideas

Taste Test With a Twist

The other day, I was hanging out in my living room, doing wind sprints. I had some serious issues that needed resolving: how was I going to finish my paper? why wasn't that Elian Gonzalez fellow returning my phone calls?

DAN REITMAN

Most importantly; where did the FDA get off putting Clorox on their "do not ingest" list? That last bit of news sent me reeling back, because it was just another example of a patronizing government, not allowing us to make and, hence, learn from our own mistakes. In an effort to disprove the FDA's findings, I decided to arrange a taste test of some of today's leading household cleaning/maintenance items: Clorox, Bounce, Fantastik, and Tide. The goal of this trial was to see for myself if the FDA was paranoid in dubbing all of these products inedible, and to possibly promote a once-neglected group of consumables resting in Jane Housewife's pantry. So, without further ado, the results of the Clorox challenge.

First off is Clorox, a long-time favorite in the ongoing fight against filth. I bought the liquid as opposed to the powder, and i'm convinced I chose well. I swallowed about a pint of the stuff, wanting to make sure I was getting the total experience. Hallucination or not, upon immediate ingestion of said liquid, my right arm seemed to fly out of its socket, and then viciously beat my left arm into submission, finishing with a drop kick. This was my arm, keep in mind. It was a wondrous sensation, much like introducing yourself to yourself in the fifth person pejorative...right. So after I managed to get my clothes back on and reapply my body hair, I headed to the Great American (I also like calling it the Starving Canadian, because i'm funny) for round two: Bounce.

For those who have not been living like I have, as a slave to advertising from the squawk box, bounce is the Rolls-Royce, natch, the Bentley of fabric softeners. If you want your clothes to be merely wearable, then opt for the generic, everyday brand. But if it's your birthday, or you fancy yourself a big spender, you go for Bounce. But how would one ingest a towelette? As opposed to doing it orally, I went for the epidermal route: I spread out about 50 sheets in the form of a giant square in my living room, dropped shirt and trou, and faked a convulsion. Within seconds, I was wallowing in fabric-softening flakiness. My skin eventually hardened, and I entered a state of delirium, reminiscent of the time I learned Mya Angelou would not, in the end, grace Hamilton with her presence. I got up, but my whole body was chapped, so I was pretty useless. What ensued was a night of recovery, with my well-trained, half-primate brother, Pilar constantly swabbing my skin with cloths soaked in Red Bull.

Next up was Tide, with bleach. The consistency of this powdery detergent made me think it would work well as a condiment, so I trollied over to Dunkin Donuts (a rumored Mensa hangout) to get a generic muffin. After sprinkling liberal amounts of the powdery stuff, I took a ravenous bite. The high was instant, and dizzying. For a couple of hours, my tongue could only discern a bitter, almost acrid taste, and my eyes could only make out things in black or yellow. This, admittedly, would prove to be a rough night. But I pressed on.

Finally, regaining full vision, and my goal, to vindicate this new food group, well in sight, I reached for the Fantastic, everybody's favorite household cleaner. Sealed in a handy spray bottle, I went right for the eyes; my eyes. Along with my backgrounds in history and Ninjitsu, I also consider myself a dedicated man of science, even if the science is limited to putting foreign substances in my various orifices. Armstrong walked on the moon. I went for the eyes with Fantastik; apples to apples.

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Thumbs Down

My eyes are bleeding. My back hurts like a 100 pound, 80 year-old woman carrying a dozen eggs to her Oldsmobile. I am about as clean as Robert Downey Jr.'s last syringe. To put it mildly - I am hurting, damn it.

I don't like finals week — never have, never will. Not that anyone actually likes it, except for that little sadist dressed in a valure golf shirt that hovers be-

J.P. LEBLANC

hind you when you use the copy machines in Burke Library. And speaking of Burke, where the hell did the AC go? They have one fan running, and that's at the circulation desk! What the hell is up with that? Are you trying to kill us? Because if so, you are doing are pretty darn good job.

And you know what else irks me? Those stupid Bowflex commercials. That guy with the sculpted physique is such an ass. He just does seated rows all day long, never questioning his existence. And his lady friend isn't much better. She's the type of gal that applies that fake-tan in a bottle, then asks her friends if she "looks orange?" She's also the type of gal that drives a teal Dodge Neon that has a bumper sticker that reads "tailgate me and I'll flick a booger on your windshield." Yeah. That kind.

Then there are those students who cut you in line at Pub Lunch. Not the direct cutters, but the ones that jump in front of you at the hot food section with the lame excuse "I'm just getting a salad." Oh. Excuuuuuse me. Like I don't desire some crispy iceberg lettuce garnished with fresh vegetables on my plate? Note to you people - hot food eaters munch on salads too. So wait your damn turn.

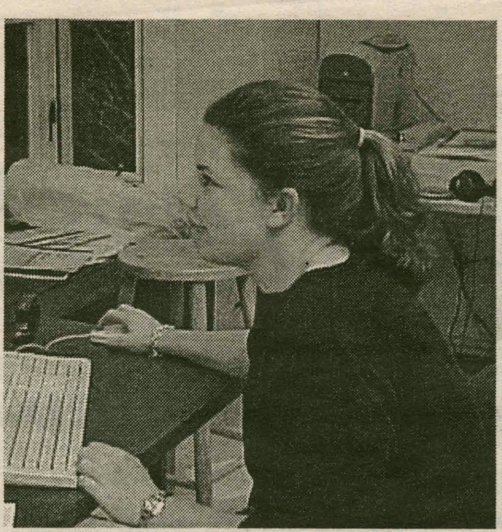
Also, to that girl that cut me in line for some Dutch Chocolate fro-yo sophomore year, I haven't forgotten about it. And do you know why? BECAUSE YOU TOOK THE LAST OF THE DUTCH CHOCOLATE! I know your name, your phone number, and most importantly, you were pretty cute, will you go out with me?

I also hate people that say "Are you in charge of thumbs up, thumbs down?" Here's my final answer. Yeah. Your Bundy party wasn't that fun - get over it. You know who I miss? Scott the diner kid. What a doozy he was. He got a little lippy at times, but nothing too much. Man, that kid made the best grilled cheeses, hands down. Untouchable grilled cheese. And you know what else was great about the kid? He took time to learn people's names.

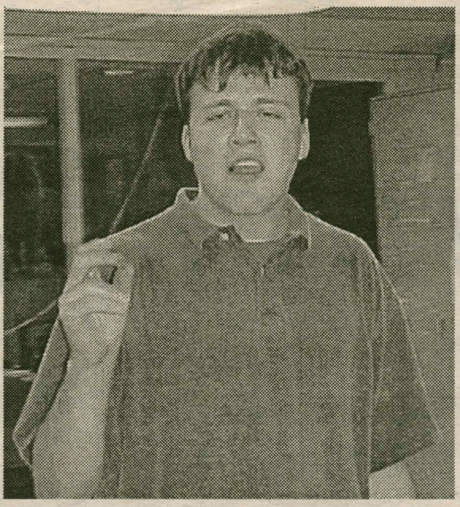
Hey, Professor Isserman, 1971 called - it was just wondering when you were coming home. But you know what? I like what you did for this campus. A lot. You gave it a pulse.

Finally, I really, really, really, really, really think kids here need to have more fun. Not the kind that requires a six pack of beer. Just smile more and don't take life so seriously - let it refresh you.

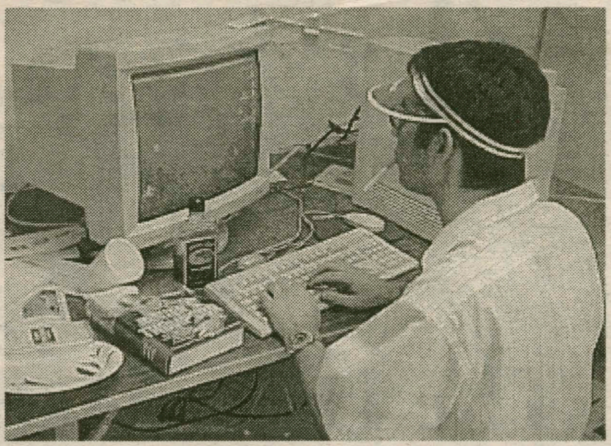
Thumbs Up	Thumbs Down	Who Cares?
- Sultry tank tops without pit stains.	- Long masturbatory editorials that just go on beating that same dead horse.	- Finally letting the foolish pledges into the house.
- My buddy, the cherubic Andy Horner.	- Angry, Angry insects that just want to make you itch.	- The entire pastel color spectrum, especially when combined with floral prints.
- 9AM Beirut.	- Long romantic phone calls from the Diner and/or library.	- Being stank.
- The emergency dome.	- The imfamous five-minute-into-the-party floater.	- 9AM paper due.
- The Buffers.	- Wearing sunglasses on the top of your head after dark. Boo.	- Joey Fatone's illegitimate child, like it's really his first.
- Never having to look at an empty mail center box ever again.		- Only a couple more days to finish that lonely bottle of tequila.
- The Everly Brothers, tripping balls.		



Lauren Reynolds:sports editor, president of her class, all around winner.

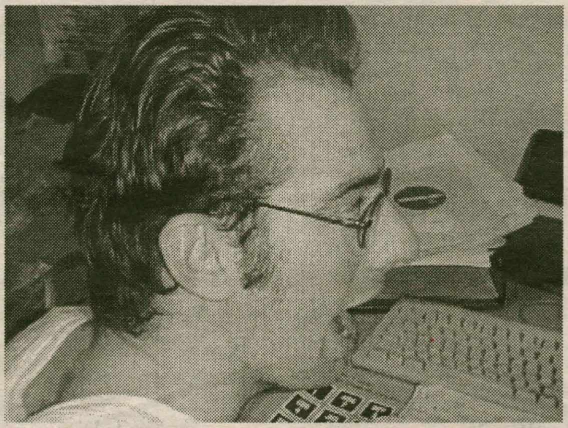


Our Beloved Editor-in-Chief: "Don't touch my OS10 instruction manual, you plebe!"



Hunter S. Olney writes on the Arts, not to mention the Entertainment.

Lindsay Griffiths and Sage Bissell wank the curves, hardcore.



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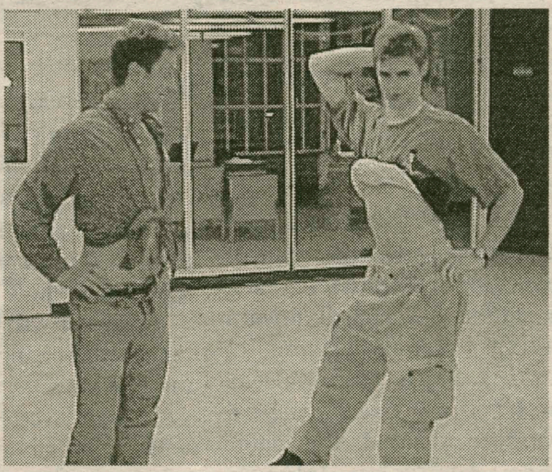

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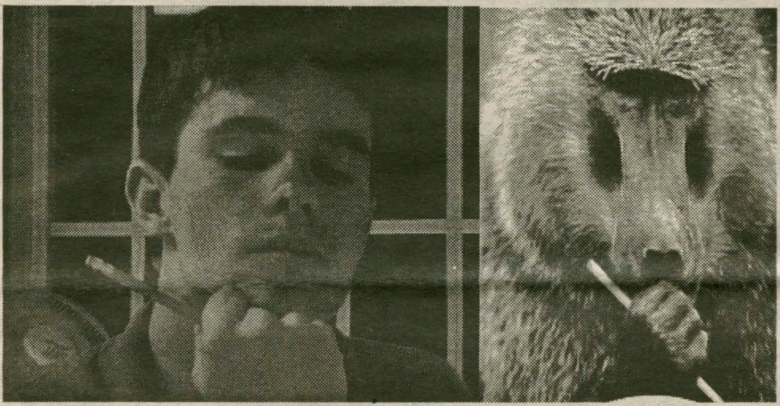

Can you guess which one of these mammals specializes in editing management?

Four-year veteran Cristen Sargent looks forward to not having to clean up after other people's messes at the *Spec*.

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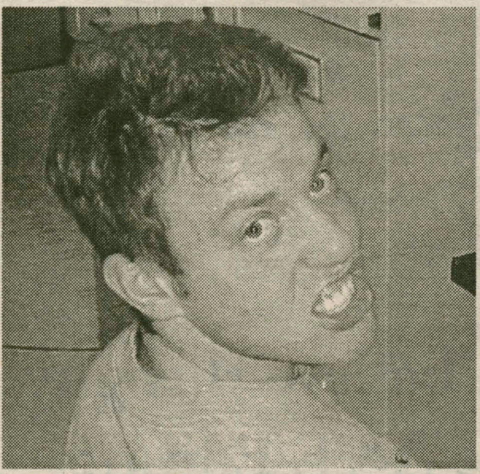
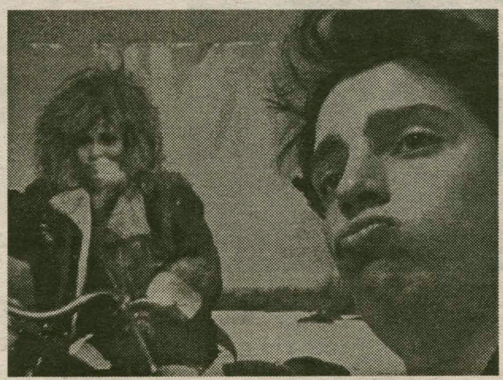
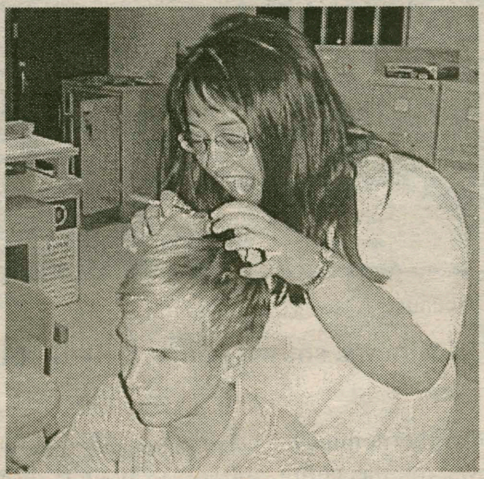


Science editor Sam Evans '01: one sexy bitch.



Senior I&I Editor Justin Tyler knows what love's got to do with it.



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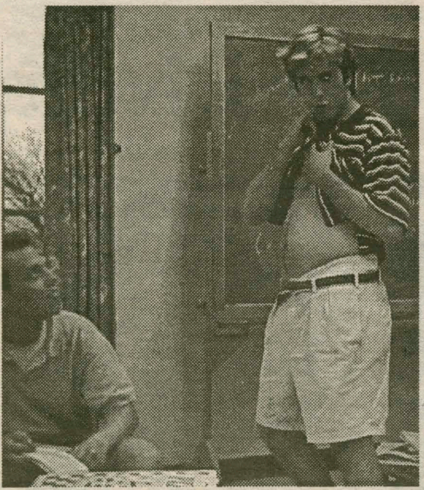

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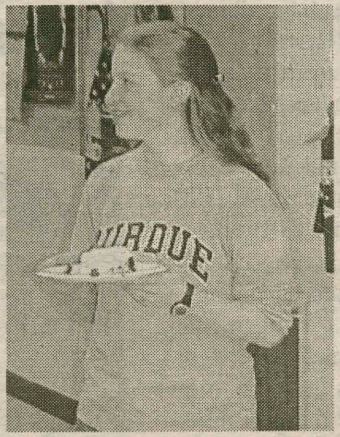
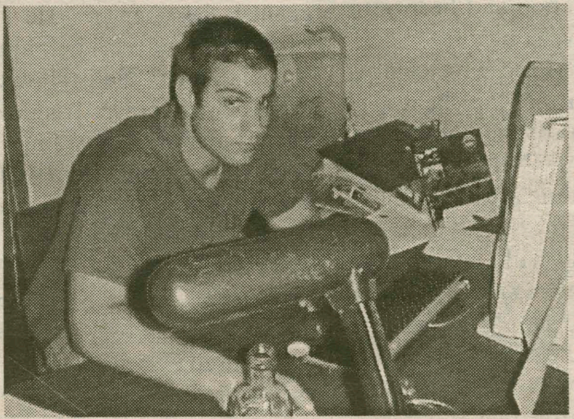


Sarah Lyn Karalunas eats cake! Oh yeah, and she edits the News section too.



Greg Ghiozzi knows how to layout, big time.

Arts & Entertainment

The Dave Matthews Band to flood 88.7 WHCL airwaves

by Jonathan Bananas
OUTLAW JOURNALIST

The WHCL E-Board met yesterday to discuss the future of the station. In the past few years, the station has leaned toward playing independent music. Bands from labels such as *SpinArt, Merge,* and *Elephant 6* have been featured, and mainstream music has taken a backseat. A station that was once flooded with Bob Dylan and Janet Jackson now plays Of Montreal, Low, and Guided by Voices.

However, in a stunning change of events, the station has decided to play nothing but Dave Matthews for the entire 2001/2002 school year. 24 hours a day, seven days a week, you can tune in to Clinton's number one and only station and hear your favorite Dave songs.

Former Music Director Greg Geist '01 says of the change, "I think it is positive for the station, for Hamilton College, and for the surrounding area. Dave is a great artist."

Not only will Dave's more mainstream songs, like "Satelite," "Don't Drink the Water," and "Ants Marching," be played, but DJs will also play bootlegs and lesser-known songs.

DJ Jackie Kook says, "I can't wait to start playing Dave songs. "Ants Marching" is my favorite, but I also like his third and fourth albums. On my first show, I think I'll play his third album the whole way through."

Napster will be very important to the change in programming at 88.7.

Dean Scherza, current WHCL music director, said, "Napster is a good way to find live Dave songs. I already downloaded a show he played in Tempe, Arizona. I think that version of "Warehouse" is killer. If people who aren't Dave fans or haven't heard his music could hear that version of "Warehouse", they would be listening to WHCL all day, every day."

Of course, with every change comes opposition. Current General Manager Dave Lyons voted against the change. He said, "The independent label thing is old, but Dave? Nelly should be the artist of choice. "Ride Wit Me" is genius. Nelly sings, "If you want to go and take a ride wit me, smokin' L in the back of a Ben-zie, oh why must I feel this way. HEY, MUST BE THE MONEY! He is a lyrical master."

Lauren Zanetti was conference-called into the meeting from a far off land. She felt techno should be the music of choice. Zanetti said, "Dude, like, techno is the wave of the future. DJ Rainforest is, like, incredible. I just want to rave on when she is spinning."

The response amongst WHCL DJs has been positive. Chris Fogelstrom said, "The change is great. No one can drum in those indie bands. Dave's drummer is incredible. Listen to the high-hat and bass. Wow!"

Peter Ringel, a graduating senior with an opinion about everything, says of the change, "I've gotta run, but I'll caul you later."

WHCL advisor Erol Balkan likes the change. "Dave is a very jazzy band. I like to play my saxomophone and listen to Dave. Instead of buying all his albums, I will listen to WHCL."

The change from independent music to Dave Matthews Band was unexpected and abrupt. Where the idea came from no one knows. Geist said, "I think the response will be positive. Except for Dave [Lyons], the E-Board backed the change. I can't reiterate how much of a Dave fan I am. The independent label thing was getting old. Change is a good thing. I think that by playing Dave on WHCL 24/7, especially his bootlegs, my horizons will be expanded."

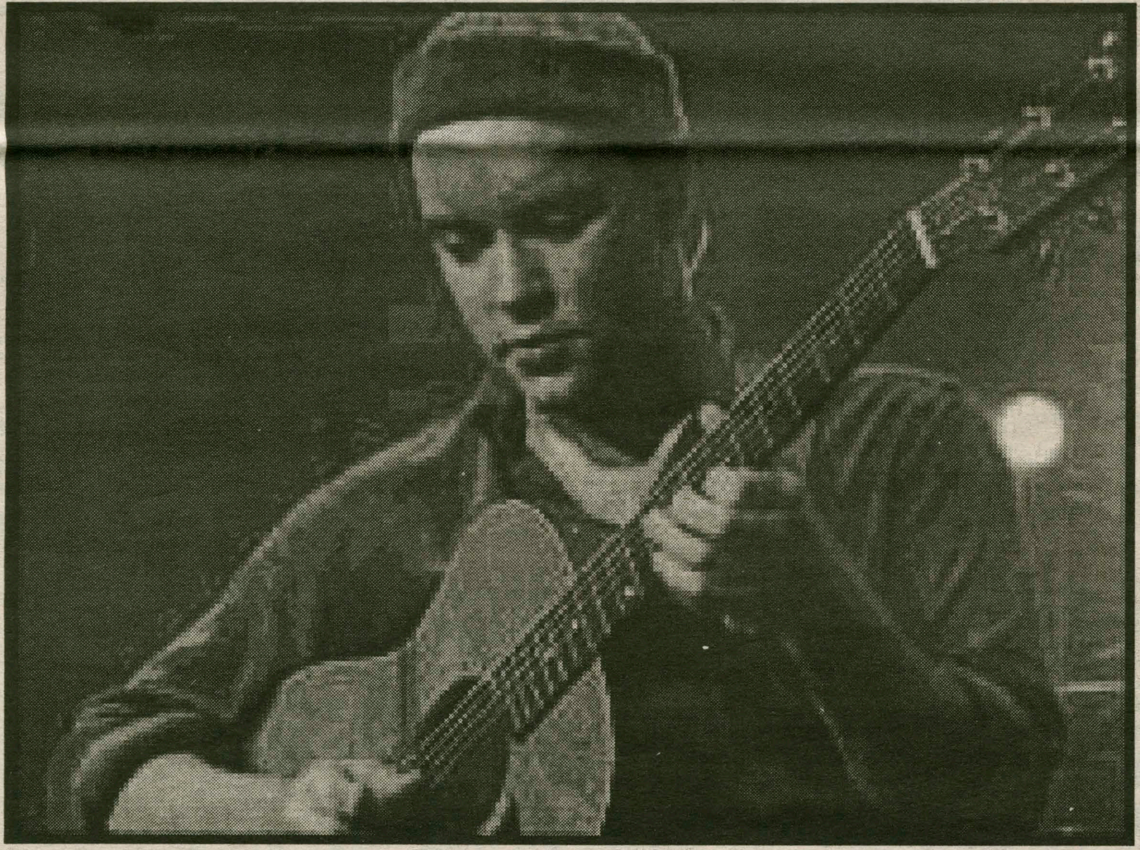
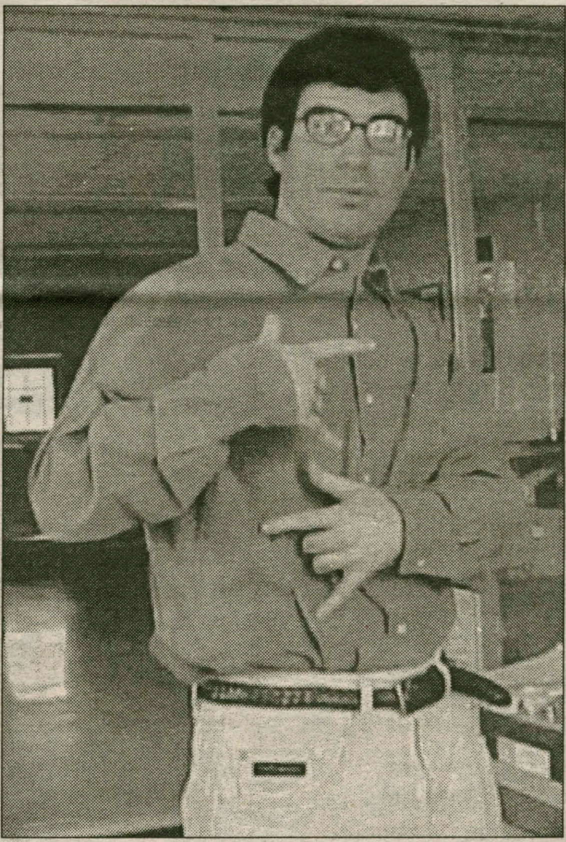


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE "WICKED COOL" DAVE MATTHEWS WEBSITE

Dave Matthews, shown above, will be the sole artist played on WHCL next year.

WHCL Top Albums

1.) Dave Matthews Under The Table and Dreaming	8.) Nelly Country Grammer
2.) Shaggy Hot Shot	9.) Limp Bizkit Chocolate Starfish
3.) Dave Matthews Band Everyday	10.) Uncle Kracker Double Wide
4.) Ginuwine The Life	11.) Various Artists Coyote Ugly
5.) Dream It Was All A Dream	12.) 112 Part 111
6.) Dido Angel	13.) Lenny Kravitz Greatest Hits
7.) Lifehouse No Name Face	14.) Bob Dylan Time Out Of Mind



Can you believe this guy was the A&E Editor?

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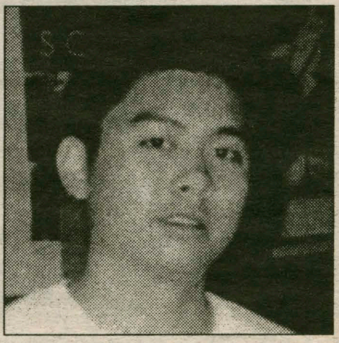
The Incredible Hulk



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Fencing team chalks Martin's Way

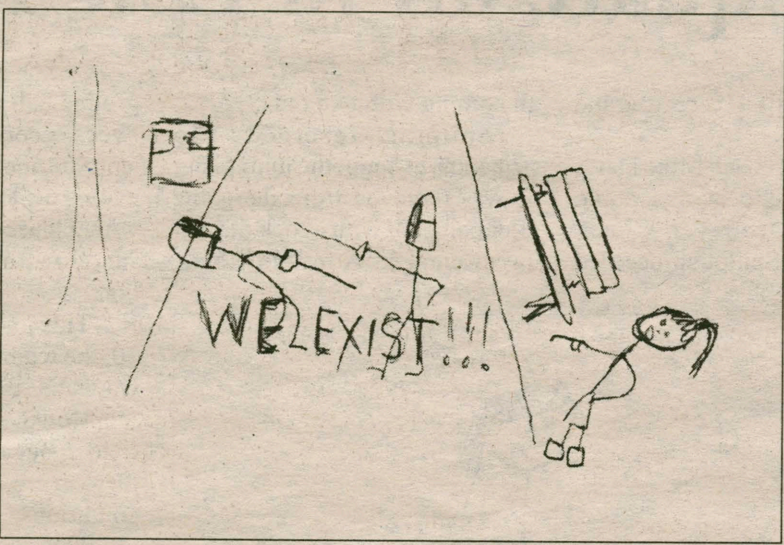
by That Girl '02
THE ONE IN PASTELS

The campus was once again bombarded by chalkings on Martin's Way this past week.

Though no one has claimed responsibility for the graffiti, judging by the slogan "Fencers are people too" and the steel grated mask found in the bushes lining the path to the dark side, it is fair to assume that those responsible are none other than Hamilton's most underrepresented team.

Other slogans included, "I'm a fencer and I'm in a frat," "I've got a sword and I know how to use it" and "God wants to talk to you." (We think the last one may have escaped the rain that washed away Jesus Awareness Week.)

The chalkings succeeded in increasing awareness of the team's presence on the campus, as most students seemed surprised that Hamilton sports the dueling group.



Fencing team members fence on Martin's Way after chalking. Shocked sorority sister screams and points.

Responses to the chalkings were varied. One girl was excited about the new found notoriety of the team.

She exclaimed, "I am definitely going to see their next match!"

Though she denied being on the team, we're pretty sure we saw her later that day carrying a long, pointy sword.

Other responses were not as positive. A spokeswoman from the Humane Society was apparently peeved that the team receives double the funding that they receive, and has sworn to "hunt down those swine like the pigs they are."

The chalkings are only the first event of "Fencing Awareness Week."

Other events include passing out "What would Rushmore do?" bracelets on the quad and a speak-out against fencism.

Look for more information in the Fencsetrum.

We Lose

by Anne Theorora Xavier
DOMINATRIX

In a highly contested match-up between Hamilton and a NESCAC opponent, the Continentals started the game fighting with all their might.

Though the score was a lot to Hamilton's little, they still mistakenly believed they were in the game. They were finally overmatched by the other team's strength, speed, edurance, leadership, coaching and skill.

Though the team was disapointed with this outcome, they did comment that their new uniforms looked especially shiny and spiffy.

"We really wanted to win, but unfortunately we couldn't," commented the senior captain. "I'm not sure why we lost, but I think it had something to do with them scoring more than us."

Coach echoed his players' statements, commenting, "We've been practicing a lot, but we still lost. I blame it on the snow."

Fans disagreed, citing the ninety degree temperatures as having melted the snow, eliminating it as a possible excuse.

Apparently Athletic Director Tom Murphy agreed. In a recent press release, Murphy indicated that Hamilton's renewed alliance with the NESCAC would force them to concentrate on scoring more points.

"The NESCAC is a challenging league, and many of our teams are athletically-challenged. In order to make a name for ourselves, we should start out-scoring our opponents."

This new game plan should improve Hamilton's rankings, although it seems to have taken everyone in the physical education department by surprise.

The team is now preparing for Wednesday's conference contest. The team has decided to be more aware and more aggressive during the game in order to score more.

They have chosen the words of screen legend Leslie Nielson as their motivation; "Like midgets at a urinal, we are going to have to stay on our toes." Well put.

Crew takes on Nuclear Sub

by Tha Don '03
HEAD OF THE QUEENS MAFIA

The men's and women's crew teams spent the weekend on the Erie Canal competing against some of the best competition in the entire world.

The team faced off against a nuclear class submarine on Saturday.

Due to the uneven nature of the contest, the team was forced to row in a boat weighted down with 7500 lbs. of Grade B recycled newspaper.

Team members disputed this estimate, claiming that they had far more weight in the boat than that. Despite the extra weight, the team immediately put distance between themselves and the submarine.

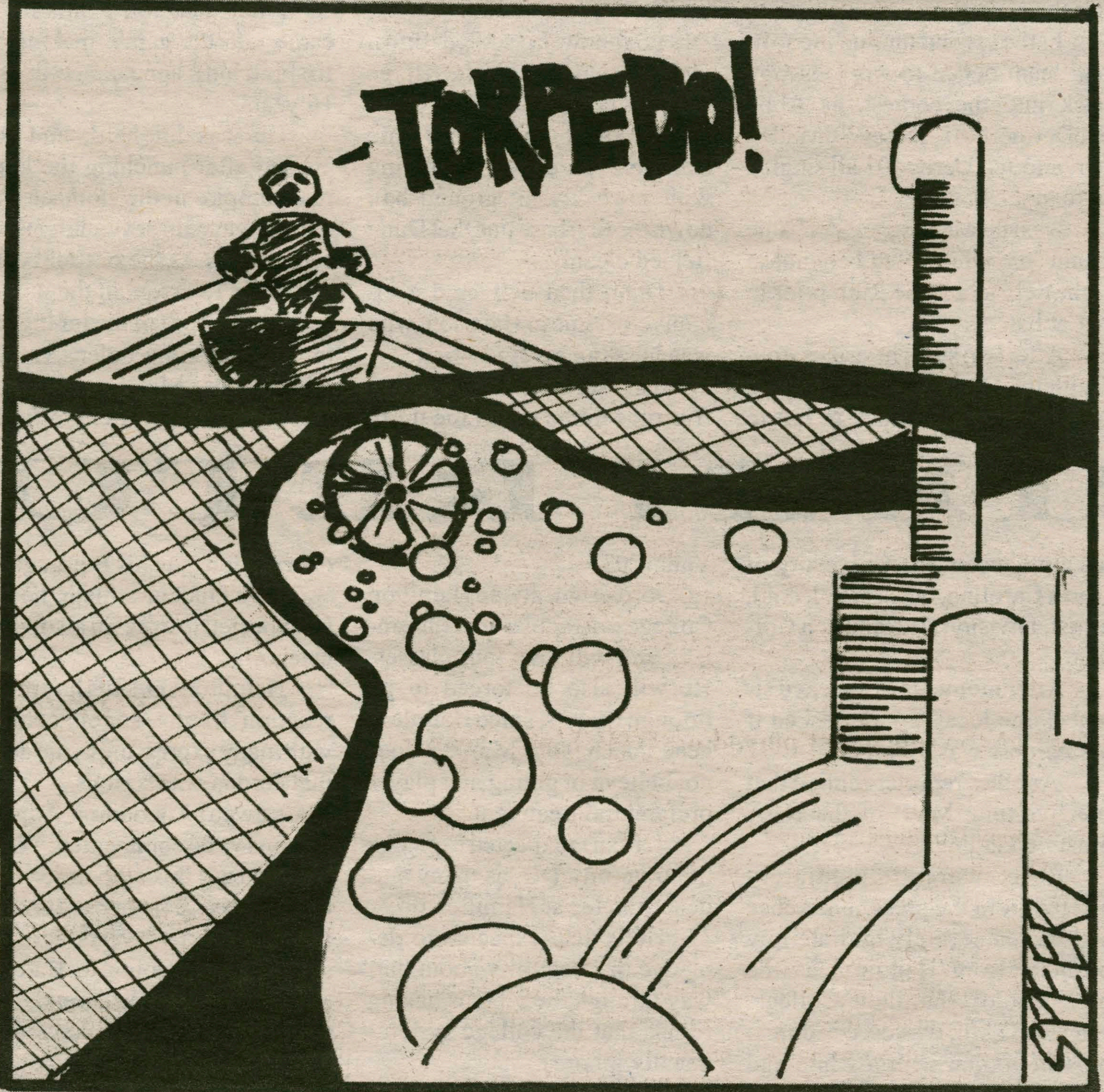
The sub crew, frustrated by their slow start, then fired 35 ground-to-ground torpedoes at the crew team's boat.

However, Captain Haywoode Jablomie '01 was able to deflect the hostile attack with his tricep muscles.

Jablomie exclaimed, "I saw these missiles coming! They were moving through the water fast! I just had to flex a little, and then they exploded all over me!"

Head coach Mike Hunt was grateful for Jablomie's heroics because his three-year-old daughter Sandra was tied to the front of the team's boat to provide encouragement.

He had decided to make this bold move when the submarine commander had announced that he would be using the head of a recently harpooned Killer Whale as his masthead.



Crew team members, led by Haywoode Jablomie (#56748859), prepare to deflect the torpedoes fired by the nuclear class submarine with which they raced recently. Jablomie stopped the torpedoes (center), with his huge triceps. He arrived back on the Hill to a hero's welcome. 15 students attended his parade.

"We done had quite some scare with them there projectikiles. They woulda messed up my team purty bad if Jablomie hadn't used his gigantic muscles!"

After their illegal move backfired, the submarine veered off course and out to sea, heading towards Russia.

When last seen, the commander was hoping to make contact with the Russian government, in order to sell the valuable technology of the sub.

Scoreboard

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Softball
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Women's Lacrosse
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Rugby
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Crew
Deal With It

Spurts

Softball and Baseball square off in Epic Battle

by Pimp '03
THE ORIGINAL LADIES MAN

This past Tuesday, the long-awaited game between the Hamilton softball team and the Hamilton baseball team finally occurred.

The game was played on the baseball field of Hamilton College with a ball that was roughly between the size of a softball and a baseball.

The two teams, sporting identical 2-345 records, sent their best pitchers to the mound, Karen Pogonowski '03 for the softball team and Steve Guillette '01 for the baseball team.

The baseball team played the role of the home team, so the softball team was first up to bat. Leading off for the softball team was sensational shortstop Amy Greenan '04, who slapped Guillette's first offering 12.567 feet.

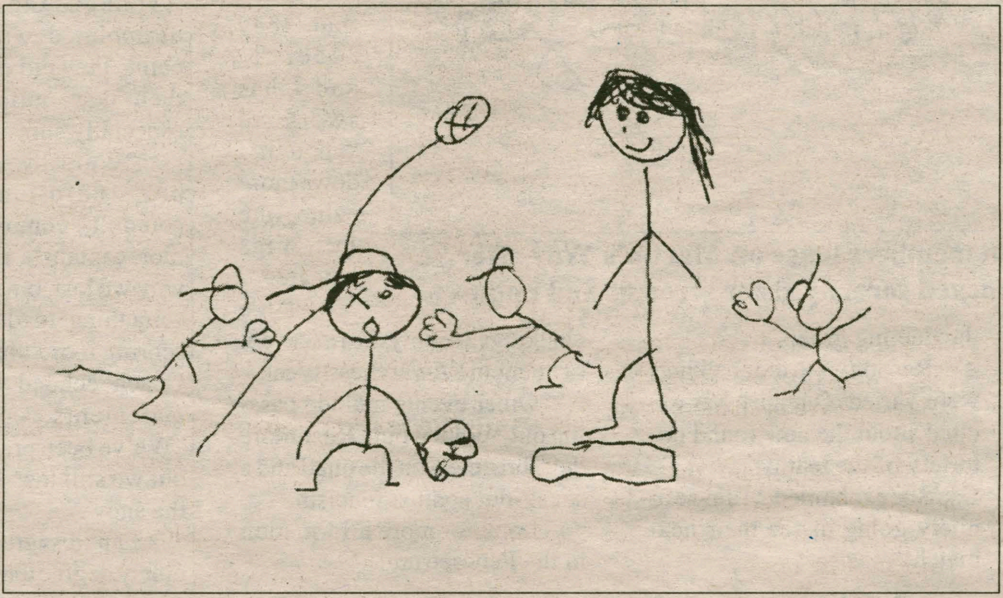
She trotted around the bases as the ball sailed over the wall in dead center field.

Next up was Pogonowski, who ran the count to 3-2 before fouling out to second baseman Brett Zalaski '03.

Zalaski provided the exciting play-by-play, "The ball was hit incredibly well, and it was heading straight for my face! However, I circled three times, tested the wind, made the call at home plate, and then I caught the ball! My brother told me it was the most incredible display of individual talent that he has ever seen."

Semmie Taylor '03, first baseman for the baseball team, disagreed, "It was a routine fly ball, and if he hadn't made the play, I would have slapped him."

The rest of the inning went in typical fashion, as Guillette recorded two more outs without any more damage.



NO CAMERA COULD ACCURATELY DEPICT THIS GAME, SO WE EMPLOYED STAFF ARTIST HORNDOG

Second baseman Brett Zalaski '03 misplays an easy grounder off of his head as the mighty Stephanie Dunn '03 watches. Baseball's outfield converges on the ball in a desperate attempt to catch it.

The baseball team started the bottom of the inning with 15 straight base hits off of Pogonowski, and the baseball team took a 10-1 lead.

In the inning leadoff man Zalaski went 5-5, but was picked off first base three times, thus ending the inning.

In the second inning, the softball team began to work its way back into the contest, as Abby McDermott '01, Korey O'Malley '01, and Jen Derby '01 all singled to load the bases.

Next up was slugger Stephanie Dunn '03, who called her shot to right field a la Babe Ruth prior to her at bat.

After two straight strikes from Guillette, Dunn deposited his 0-2 offering over the fence in left to record her first career grand slam.

Baseball coach Mike Davis pulled Guillette at this point, and put in reliever Chuck Spiliotis '03. Spiliotis proceeded to strike out the side, and the game went to the bottom of the inning.

Pogonowski settled down in the second, and recorded three outs on three pitches as light-hitting third baseman Jamie Harrison '02 ended the inning with a weakly hit ground ball down the first base line that Dunn fielded cleanly.

Dunn then delivered a vicious closeline to Harrison, who was hustling madly to first.

The softball team put up five runs in the top of the third, all coming with two outs.

Spiliotis recorded two strikeouts to begin the inning, but he was removed from the game after being hit with a rock thrown by an enraged Armando Conde '03, who was a spectator at the game.

After that, Jon Fehlman '03 came into the game, making his first pitching appearance in over 15 years.

He was hit hard, and was ejected after punching the home plate umpire in the stomach.

He gave up seven hits but no earned runs, as the outfield combined for 13 errors in the inning.

The bottom of the inning featured a sparkling defensive play from catcher McDermott, as she raced across the infield to field a ground ball deep in the hole between second and third base.

She then started an inning ending triple play that concluded with Zalaski being caught in a run down between first and home.

Thus, with the game tied at 10, the teams looked eagerly towards the fourth inning.

However, as they took the field, it began to snow, and soon there were complete whiteout conditions.

The game was called, and declared an official tie.

Both teams cheered wildly, and they joined together in a chant, "We didn't lose! We didn't lose!"

Coach Davis was seen embracing softball coach Susan Keller. Keller commented, "It was a great game, and I am really proud of my girls. They did a great job, and I love them. I'm just sad that the game is over already!"

Davis added, "I think we played our best game of the season, except for the one that we won. I don't really remember that game too well though."

The teams have agreed never to play again, in the interests of keeping all Hamilton athletics joined together in happy unison.

Instead, the two teams will combine next season and play in the Police Athletic League in Queens, NY.

They are projected to be at the very bottom of Division Z, competing against men with names such as Biffo and Jibby, but are optimistic on their chances for improvement.

JORDAN RETURNS

by Johnny B.
DEALER OF "USED" CARS BEHIND SHEA STADIUM

Washington D.C.– At a mid-afternoon press conference today in the nation's capitol, the excitement of the Michael Jordan comeback story came to a head with the confirmation that Jordan will indeed be returning to basketball.

However, this news was followed by the shocker of all shockers.

Due to a loophole in the rules of NCAA basketball, the man considered by many to be the greatest player ever to play the game has one year of college basketball eligibility left.

Jordan, wearing the smirk that has become commonplace during the last few months, announced that he would indeed return to the college game.

However, it will not be at his alma mater, the University of North Carolina, but at small, cold, elitist, Division III Hamilton College.

After moments of shocked silence, one local reporter asked if his Airness was joking.

Another reporter replied that the five-time MVP of the NBA must be kidding.

Both were immediately ejected from the press conference and beaten severely by fraternity brothers from Hamilton as the president of Hamilton College, Eugene Tobin, was escorted in to present Jordan with a white and sky blue Hamilton College jersey bearing the number 14.

Jordan's previous numbers of 23 and 45 were available, but the team has a policy of not letting first year players choose their own numbers.

Jordan is expected to earn the starting shooting guard spot, assuming he proves his superiority over last year's backup, Kevin Yanni '03.

Jordan will attend Hamilton College as a regular student-athlete, and will take four classes. He will also be forced to go through tryouts, since Hamilton head coach Tom Murphy does not believe in giving any player preferential treatment.

Jordan is expected to pledge the fraternity DU, as many student-athletes at Hamilton do.

He is also expected to depledge the fraternity about half way through the vicious hazing rituals that the college systematically ignores.

More importantly, Jordan will be expected to lead a Hamilton team that has lost the heart and soul of it's offense with the graduation of point guard Jim Driggs '01, small forward Brendan Ferretti '01, and shooting guard Jimmy McCarthy '01.

Jordan hopes to brush up on his fall-away jump shot, his ball distribution, and his Beirut game.

As a student-athlete, he will be expected to excel in all of these categories.

Hamilton students had mixed reaction to the announcement, with many expressing cynic doubt that Jordan was serious.

Edward Theodorus Angelus Milton IV '04 commented, "Yeah, we've heard this all before. Brittany Spears was supposed to come to Hamilton two years ago, and she ended up going to Bates or something. I bet Jordan ends up at Colgate. I hear they have more fun over there anyway."

Jessica Heather Danderbury '02 expressed similar sentiments, "Even if that guy were to come here, so what? He'd only be a pledge! I'll be a senior, no way will I hook up with him. That would, like, totally ruin my rep!"

Hamilton professor Mabry Intelegencia said, "I sincerely hope that this young man takes one of my classes. I intend to fail him miserably and force him to attend at least another year of school here. Once he is in my classroom, I completely control his life. I won't approve of any credit that he recieves unless I give it to him, and I don't intend to give him any at all. Michael Jordan is, undoubtedly, a whiny, nasty brat."

As the rest of the world recovers from this unexpected surprise, the community of Hamilton shrugs its collective shoulders and turns back to its case of Keystone Light.

Tobin, expressing his excitement at the press conference, repeatedly referred to Jordan as "Mr. Jackson."

Nevertheless, Jordan is expected to report to Hamilton on August 25th, just in time for the week-long freshman orientation process.

Jordan is expected to run the NBA's Washington Wizards from his quad in Dunham.

Features

500 walkers raise $28K for AIDS Hike for Life

by Cristen Sargent '01
FEATURES EDITOR

During one of the busiest weekends of the semester, Hamilton College found the time to host an event that raised $28,000 and an intangible amount of awareness for AIDS, despite the annual housing lottery and other year-end obligations.

The third annual AIDS Hike for Life, sponsored by AIDS Community Resources and the senior class, took place on campus Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

"The Hike is a great opportunity for Hamilton to have a positive and meaningful presence in the wider community and region," said Kirk Pillow, professor of philosophy and steering committee member. "When our campus community can work creatively with area organizations like AIDS Community Resources, it improves the stature of the institution and helps change the perception that Hamilton is an island with no connection to its surroundings."

The Hike, which was attended by 500 people from all over upstate New York, raised over $28,000 to support the Teen AIDS Task Force, a prevention program that serves area high schools.

"It was a wonderful day as Hamilton College proudly demonstrated that it is a partner in the fight against AIDS and HIV," said Jeannine Murtaugh, assistant director of the Career Center and Hike steering committee member.

Organizers had speculated that the housing lottery might affect participation. The lottery provided yet another opportunity to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS for individuals who didn't participate in the Hike. "Some students even walked over after they had made their housing choice to join the festivities at the tent on Minor Field," Jeannine added.

As a fund-raising opportunity, the event was a success. "We raised $7,000 more than last year," said Wil Murtaugh, director of development for ACR and younger brother of Jeannine. "The morning of the AIDS Hike could not have been more beautiful."

More important than the numbers, however, is the sense of support that an event like the Hike for Life brings.

Rosann Rolchigo, a Utica resident, captained a team of hikers dubbed Paul's Paesanos. Rolchigo's son Paul died from AIDS, and neighbors, friends, and family, 28 in all, came together to create a team in his memory. "Paul's Paesanos raised $2,670. Rosann is very thrilled at the outcome of the event and is looking forward to next year already. People who have experienced a loss due to AIDS love the strength and support they receive from an AIDS Walk. They know they are not alone," Wil explained.

Ranging in age from just 1 to 10, the children of the Paesanos formed their own team, "The Munchkins." The youngsters raised $736 by going door to door in their neighborhoods and won the "Most Creative Team" award at Sunday's hike.

PHOTO BY CRISTEN SARGENT '01

Almost 500 walkers enjoyed the sunny skies and spring scenery the Root Glen provided while walking Sunday morning to raise funds and awareness for AIDS.

The Hamilton community is not without its own heroes. Josh Conklin '01 raised almost $1,900 for the AIDS Hike by hosting a 24-hour radio marathon on campus radio station WHCL 88.7 Friday, April 20. Conklin asked campus groups and individuals to sponsor half hours of his marathon. Although he became increasingly exhausted, Conklin enjoyed chatting with different guests.

"Dean Mitchell and I talked about the campus damage epidemic, and Jeff McArn brought his girls in. They decided that I was going to marry one of my friends who was at the studio at the time," Conklin said. "I got calls from as far away as Florida and was told that people were listening in Australia. I fell asleep for about a half-hour and was woken up by the Christian fellowship crew at 7:15. Overall, it was a good time, and I want to thank everyone who helped me out." Local television stations were on site to film Conklin for their nightly news shows.

The Teen AIDS Task Force, a program that reaches out to thousands of high school students annually, receives no federal or state funding. ACR must provide for the program privately.

"All the monies raised will stay in the Mohawk Valley to help the Teen AIDS Task Forces in local schools with education and prevention programs as well as to provide support and emergency services to those individuals infected with HIV and their families affected by this devastating disease," Jeannine said.

June 5 marks the 20th anniversary of the first reported case of AIDS in the United States. "The battle to fight AIDS is still very necessary considering the increased resistance to the HIV/AIDS drugs and the increased number of case in heterosexuals, especially women," Jeannine said. "The highest incidence of new HIV infections is happening within the 18-25 year old population. That means that more education and prevention programs have to reach teens to get the message out about safe sex."

"It's important that we raise awareness of HIV/AIDS among Hamilton's students, because the epidemic is still very real, and anyone can be infected. Attending a fancy college is not a prophylactic against sexually transmitted diseases," Pillow added.

The hope, organizers say, is that events like the AIDS Hike for Life will continue to support such prevention and education efforts.

Scenes from the Hike

The Munchkins, pictured here at the awards ceremony after the Hike, participated in memory of a loved one who died from AIDS.

Top fund raiser Josh Conklin '01 (center) with Steve Guditus '01 and Michael Crinnin, executive director of AIDS Community Resources.

President Tobin was the honorary chair of the Hike, along with Oneida County Executive Ralph Eannace.

The Science Pages

Solar panels provide energy for the future

by Scott Kalberer '01
SCIENCE WRITER

The sun ultimately provides most of the energy on earth. Solar energy is responsible for winds, precipitation, currents, and photosynthesis (a plant's way of harnessing sunlight to produce its own energy).

The sun produces energy through a fusion process in which hydrogen atoms melt together to make helium, releasing large amounts of energy that radiate through space towards the earth. According to the American Solar Energy Society about 1.5 hexillion kilowatt-hours of solar energy reaches the earth each year, an amount much greater than humankind's annual energy requirement. Although people throughout history have used the sun to heat homes and baths, it is only in the last two centuries that people have developed complex technologies to more efficiently harness this vast power.

Chemistry professor Ian Rosenstein and his family have built a new house with solar energy systems to supplement the energy they purchase from the Niagara-Mohawk Power Company. There are two different solar systems on the Rosensteins' house, the solar electric system and the solar hot water heater.

Solar thermal collectors, of which the solar hot water heater is one type, can collect solar energy and use it to heat fluids that can then warm buildings, water, and generate electricity. Mirrors can help to concentrate solar energy into a central receptor, or the sunlight may be absorbed by simple flat plates that transfer heat to a set of pipes. The pipes enter the house and provide the heat to the inhabitants.

A pair of 4x8 panels provides energy for the Rosensteins' solar hot water heater, which converts solar energy into heat for the house. Copper pipes filled with propylene glycol (an antifreeze) circulate throughout the house and serve as the pathway through which heat is brought from the roof into the interior of the house.

Light striking the solar panels is converted into heat, which is then absorbed by the propylene glycol. A glass box around the pipes on the roof permit the temperature inside the box to rise higher than the outside temperature. The higher temperatures inside the box allow more heat to

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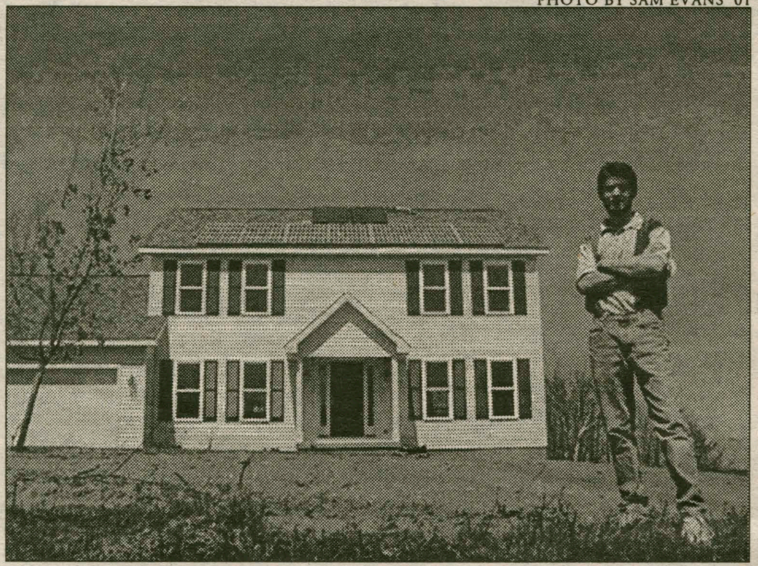

Ian Rosenstein in front of his home. The top, darker panel heats water while the lower panels produce electricity.

WHAT IS GREEN IN A BUILDING?

by Sam Evans '01
SCIENCE EDITOR

While plans for the new science facility roll forward, many people on campus still don't know about green building design. Put simply, green means smart. Green designs try to minimize waste, use renewable resources and reduce operation costs by optimizing energy efficiency. But what does Green really mean, and what does it have to do with the rest of the campus?

Imagine that you're running a small business, and your business absolutely requires heating oil in order to operate. Your revenues are also modest, so stretching pennies is the only way for the company to survive from year to year. Chances are you will want to ensure that all resources, from paper to heating oil, are used as efficiently as possible.

In the same way that the small business must optimize its operations, so must larger institutions. Hamilton is not at risk of going bankrupt, so pennies need not be stretched here like they must be at less well-funded places. Hamilton uses heating oil, paper and hundreds of other resources to keep running every day. Most things that keep Hamilton running are used and then thrown away, like cups, paper, food and batteries. Books, ventilation machines, glasses and plates are bought once and reused again and again; they are some of the more permanent fixtures of this campus.

Buildings are perhaps the most permanent elements of Hamilton, besides the campus land on which they were built. However, the same kinds of decisions that go into running a small business actually go into constructing a new building. Wood, steel and concrete are the building materials, and electricity is used to power the lights, ventilation system and anything we plug into the wall. If you use too much too quickly, you go bankrupt.

Hamilton is investing upwards of $50 million in its new science facility, and people involved in the design process are aware that the structure must be built intelligently. The college hired an architectural firm renowned for its experience designing green buildings.

The new building is still early in the planning phase. The location has been chosen: the site of the current building, with extensions to the northwest and into the science building

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Vert org visits NYC

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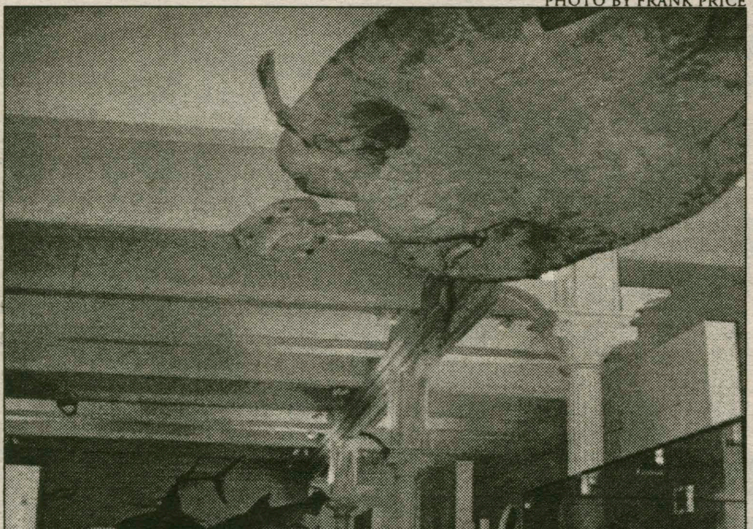

Biology 333 (vertebrate organization) took a field trip to the Museum of Natural History in New York. Four students stand underneath a giant turtle.

75% of Conn College students want clean, renewable energy

by Sam Evans '01
SCIENCE EDITOR

Ordinary students have pulled off an extraordinary task at Connecticut College this year by changing the way the college consumes energy. Led by three sophomores, a team of less than two dozen students has succeeded in placing before the Board of Trustees a proposal to purchase 20% of Connecticut College's electricity from sources that are cleaner and more renewable than the coal or nuclear plants currently used. The Trustees are expected to approve the plan in a meeting today, student organizers say.

Kassie Rohrbach, Sarah Zisa and Leigh Tillman, the sophomores who spearheaded the initiative, organized a team of students to walk door to door recruiting signatures for a petition to raise tuition by $25 in order to pay for the cleaner, slightly more expensive new energy. Of the 1,717 students currently enrolled at Connecticut College, 78% saw the petition and 98% of those students signed it, suggesting that roughly 76% of the students support the tuition increase in the name of cleaner, more sustainable energy resources. Tuition for the 2000-2001 year is $31,985.

Rohrbach and Zisa said that persistence got them through the obstacles that stood between them and their goal of changing campus energy policy.

"We had to force people to listen to us," said Rohrbach.

At a September meeting of the Environmental Model Committee, a body of faculty, administrators and students that advises and implements strategies ranging from recycling to energy use, Rohrbach and Zisa heard excited talk about alternative energy sources. Concrete plans to implement these ideas, they found, were lacking. Rohrbach said they realized that change would have to be led by students.

"We asked ourselves what would be an attainable goal," Rohrbach said. Speaking in the parking lot with a faculty adviser after the meeting, Rohrbach and Zisa agreed that they would move forward with a plan to bring renewable energy to Connecticut College.

They decided to bypass traditional avenues of gathering student opinion, and instead set up a meeting with President of Connecticut College Claire L. Gaudiani to discuss their ideas. Gaudiani helped the students give their plan structure. Their goal was to enroll Connecticut College

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Designing a green science building

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parking lot. Floor plans that allocate space by department, with some shared facilities, are currently being debated by faculty who will eventually use the new building.

The plans to date incorporate several green design features. Most of the focus is on reducing energy expenditures whereever possible.

The front atrium area will be heated by a process known as passive solar. Rather than convert sunlight into electricity, it can be harnessed to heat spaces efficiently. Passive solar areas must face south, as the atrium will, because the sun is always in the southern sky at this lattitude.

The second design feature is geared toward minimizing the amount of ventilization needed for safe operation of biloigical and chemical laboratories. By stacking the labs on top of each other in one area of the building and placing the ventilation machinery on the roof directly above, both energy and cost can be saved from a simpled ventilation system.

Hamilton's new science building will not be the pinnacle of green building design, but it was not intended to be that way in the first place. In fact the most green solution is to build nothing at all, but the college's science infrastructure is old.

Though these strategies are a good start toward an environmentally intelligent building, many more decisions will be made in the coming months. Each decision is an opportunity for the college to show that it understands the importance of better stewardship of our planet. Be aware, be sharp, know about the opportunities we might miss if nobody speaks out about green design. This building will tell a lot about

WHAT DO PEOPLE ON CAMPUS THINK?

Julia Guastella, Dione Kane and Stephanie Root, students in Society and the Environment (Bio/ES 150), compiled the following data from an email survey to which nearly 110 people responded.

50% consider environmental issues very important on campus
30% consider environmental issues not at all important
20% unsure

80% said they support more speakers on environmental topics
20% said they are opposed to more speakers

60% have been to environmental talks
40% have never been to talks

63% do not know about green building design
20% knew something about green design
17% had a good idea about what green design means

Below left: a floor plan for the first floor of the proposed science building. The northern wing will be built first to provide classroom space during renovation of the current building. Below right: A map of the quad with the area of the current science building circled. The new facility will extend north and into the parking lot.

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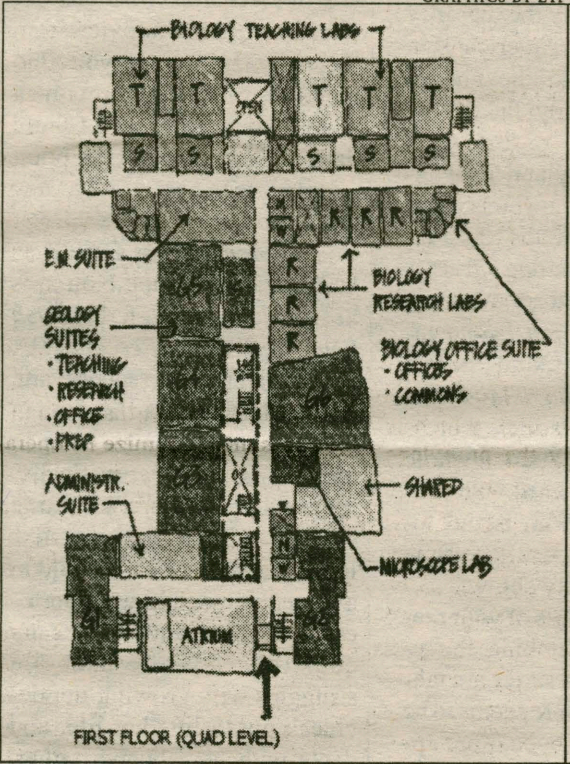

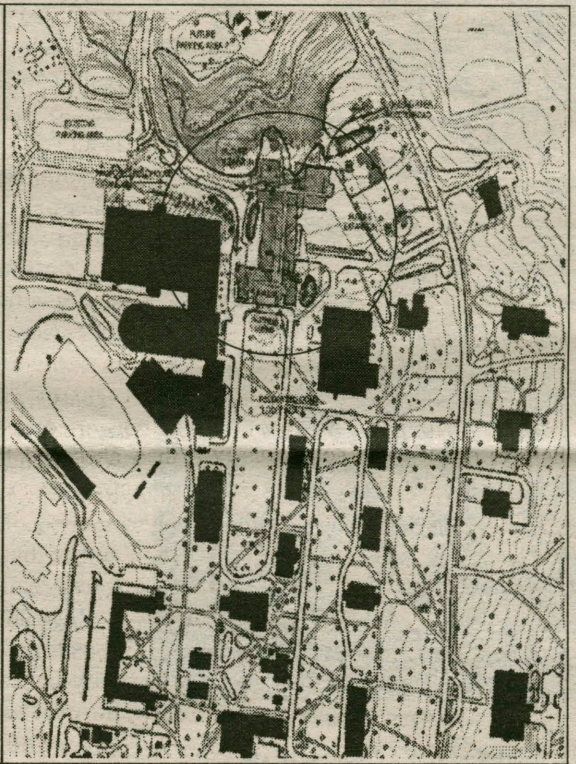

Clean energy

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in the Connecticut Energy Cooperative, a service that provides energy from sustainable resources mainly for households and small businesses.

Under their proposed subscription to the Cooperative, one fifth of the College's electricity would come from renewable resources, such as solar and wind power. Connecticut College currently purchases electricity from Connecticut Light and Power, which uses 29% natural gas, 18% coal 21% nuclear, 18% oil, 6.5% hydroelectric and 7.5% other sources.

At this stage in their development alternative energy sources cost more than fossil fuels; participation requires both regular fees and an initiation fee. Connecticut College is currently in a budget crisis and unable to fund membership in the coop. Gaudiani told them that they would need to seek funding either through outside grants or some other means.

Working through Students Against Violence to the Environment (SAVE), Rohrbach and Zisa started the informal Renewable Energy Club, which was later recognized as an official campus organization. Their major obstacle was to raise the $1,500 for subscription and then continuously fund participation in the Connecticut Energy Cooperative. It was determined that a tuition increase of $25 per student would raise the necessary funds.

With the help of about 15 student volunteers, the group canvassed more than 75% of students and uncovered a groundswell of support for renewable energy on campus. Rohrbach and Zisa forwarded their findings through the Student Government Association and presented their case to the Board of Trustees.

"The core of this campaign was the people power," said Zisa.

In addition to the tuition increase, Rohrbach and Zisa are applying for outside grants to subsidize the expenditure on renewable energy. The College has also pledged support over the next few years.

"It took a lot of persistence and a lot of phone calls," said Rohrbach.

By the start of the fall semester they hope to have the Athletic Center, Earth House, Abbey House and Unity House on renewable energy, the Voice, Connecticut College's newspaper, reported.

"We're just normal students dedicated to a cause we believe in," said Zisa.

Solar panels at home

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flow into the liquid.

Propylene glycol travels through pipes to the basement, where it exchanges its heat with cold water emerging from a subterranean well. The hot water is stored in a tank and is then used as a supply of pre-heated water for a conventional propane hot water heater. When the sun is shining brightly there is no need to use the fossil fuel based water heater at all.

Solar electric systems, also known as photovoltaics, convert solar energy directly into electrical power without the help of turbines or other types of machinery. Photovoltaic cells are made primarily of silicon, the second most abundant element on earth following oxygen. Silicon is the main constituent of sand and glass.

The Rosensteins have 28 3x8 panels installed for their solar electric system, which has a maximum capacity of 2.1 kW. Their inverter converts the DC coming from the cells to AC (used by most houses) and this electricity then runs into the Niagara - Mohawk power line and into the house's electric meter. The house uses the power generated by the solar energy unit first, and then relies on purchased power from Niagara-Mohawk.

If the solar electric system manages to create more energy than the house requires for operation, the electricity can flow back into the power grid and contribute to Niagara-Mohawk's power supply. In this scenario, which is common on sunny days, the electric meter for the Rosenstein's house runs backwards. This procedure is called net-metering, and Niagara-Mohawk is required by law to buy this excess electricity from systems of less than 10 kW.

A battery can be installed as part of the system in order to store excess electric power. When the power grid goes out in a storm or blackout the battery's power can be tapped to provide the house with energy. Since the net-metering option and the battery option cannot be combined in the same system, the Rosensteins have no battery. As a result the Rosensteins are without power during electrical outages even if the sun is shining, since the inverter automatically shuts off during the outage for safety reasons.

Rosenstein says it is difficult to predict how much electricity the system will generate. During the Hamilton winter, when light levels are low and snow may cover the panels, the system may contribute to only 10% of the house's energy needs, However, during the sunny summer about 80-90% of the house's power is generated by the solar system. Over the entire year the total contribution of the solar system probably averages to approximately 25-30% of the total power.

The Rosensteins save about 60% of the money that would be required for hot water costs. Tax incentives, in addition to a $6300 rebate for materials obtained through a deal with a supplier helped to lower costs. There was also a 25% tax credit from NY State that helped defray $2500 in costs. The final cost for the solar equipment and installation was approximately $7500.

Rosenstein maintained that these financial advantages are available and easy to obtain. "Getting the tax credit simply involves filling in one additional short form on your state tax return," he said. Rosenstein also mentioned that, "For people interested in installing a system on a pre-existing home, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority has a program which offers significant interest rate deductions on home improvement loans."

However, the major factor was not a financial one. "This was an opportunity to help change the world," said Rosenstein. After all, at current power rates it would take about 15 years to pay back the investment in the solar systems.

The Rosensteins had been thinking about putting in the system for a long time, since they were concerned about the world energy supply and pollution from fossil fuels.

"In order for solar and other renewable energy sources to make a difference in the world, many more people have to install their own systems," Rosenstein said. "Our hope is that our experience will help people realize that installing solar powered systems in upstate New York is relatively easy to do and provides real benefits, both financially and for the good of the world."

Arts & Entertainment

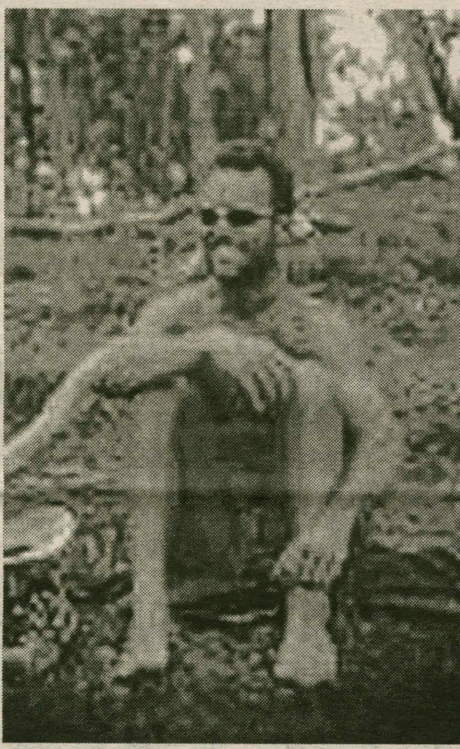
Survive This!

by Hannah Stahle '03
A&E WRITER

With the conclusion of *Survivor II*, many otherwise normal people are finding themselves experiencing symptoms of *Survivor* withdrawal. A technical term, '*Survivor* withdrawal' consists of the inability to return to everyday life following the conclusion of a reality-based show in which the contestants of a "game" are starved and homeless for a 39-day stint while half of America watches from their comfy living room sofas, gorging themselves with tasty comestibles and judging the contestants solely on their physical appearance and the network's portrayal of their personalities.

Some of the most devoted fans are well prepared for the *Survivor* hiatus. Sharon Williams, director of the writing center, has spent months amassing a *Survivor* video collection to ensure she gets her weekly dose of voyeurism during the summer months. Williams comments, "I wish the show could be on every night," and mentions that her entire family lines up on the couch in anticipation of hearing the distinct didgeridoo that begins the show every week.

A big fan of *Survivor I*, Williams does note that the contestants on the first show had a much nicer quality of beach to work with, but despite this, *Survivor II* is very similar. Like the original, *Survivor II* managed to unite the country in its hatred of certain contestants, i.e. Jerri. Usually calm Jen Jolivet '03 remarks, "I hope she burns in Hell." The show also created some unlikely attachments to other contestants. Jolivet confides, "I love Rodger," who, incidentally, is a 53-year-old shop teacher. In addition to the hot and cold feelings toward the contestants, *Survivor* elicited strong feelings of adoration and hostility toward the show itself, causing Williams to utter such ruthless comments as, "If Keith wins, I'll never watch the show again."



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Colby a Survivor? Not Quite.

There are many such as Williams who seem profoundly affected by *Survivor*. Williams actually states, "It's changed my life completely." She no longer takes every grain of rice for granted and now treats every challenge in life as an immunity challenge. Taking her love of the show to an extreme, she feels that perhaps the show has implications for the new curriculum, and she hopes to "redesign the writing center around *Survivor*'s ideals."

While there are many people out there who have savored every moment of *Survivor*, there are those who scoff at the popularity of a reality-based series. Amy Lawrence '01, who has never actually seen *Survivor*, says, "It's a matter of pride that I don't watch *Survivor*," despite the fact that it is a regular favorite among her suitemates.

There are also those who are not particular fans of *Survivor* but do partake in the Peeping-Tom obsession that is sweeping America. Monica do Outeiro '03 did not watch *Survivor* but enjoyed the unnatural situation created on *Temptation Island*. She says, "*Temptation Island* made me feel way better about my moral principles, although way worse about my body," a statement that is echoed by the majority of normal Americans in response to the absurd lack of body fat on the island.

Hollis Hyland '03 is another person who is unfamiliar with the fascination surrounding *Survivor* and devoted her evenings to *Temptation Island* instead. Hyland states, "*Temptation Island* was more my style; there's something about a whole lot of skank-whores trapped on an island together that really gets me into a reality show."

Regardless of your reasons for watching, the reality-based series are taking off. There seems to be a new and even more appalling series airing each week, so don't worry if someone leaves a message on your answering machine declaring you the weakest link in a terse and frightening British accent; it's merely the latest installment of life-altering reality.

The *Survivor*-less summer may not be so bad after all, as Williams and her family will make due with the reruns and may actually venture outdoors for some *Survivor*-esque exploits of their own, remembering of course to keep their matches dry at all times and not to build a shelter in a dry riverbed.

Hyland, who is hoping for a repeat airing of *Temptation Island* this summer, offers some advice to the network executives to increase their viewing audience for *Survivor III*: "Immoral hotties and hook-ups. That's what *Survivor* needs." What a great and wholesome idea.

Foreign Film Feature...

Fish Soup and *Salut Cousin!*

by Matt Speer '03
A&E GUEST WRITER

Tired of the same old movie rental selection? Sick of the current trends in American cinema? Perhaps a foreign film would fill your appetite. Here are two recommendations for rarely mentioned movies from the early 1990s. If you find yourself at Blockbuster with an adventurous spirit one of these days, you may want to point yourself to where, sadly, few others do.

Starring Chiara Caselli as Isabella and Phillipe Noiret as her movie-producer father, *Fish Soup*, or *Zuppa di Pesci* (1991), is a collection of scenes and sketches of a turbulent Italian family from the late 1950s to early 1970s. More specifically, it chronicles Isabella's coming of age within that family. Isabella is the youngest child in a large extended household located on the beautiful Tuscany coastline. While Isabella struggles with growing up, decides how to live her life, and deals with her abusive father, director Fiorella Infascelli leads us through a series of family gatherings and events that offer an intelligent insight into complex family psychology. Isabella's family goes through a great deal of tribulation. Her father's fluctuating job results in a financial roller coaster and her brother-in-law dies tragically, yet the family remains together.

The main problem with *Fish Soup* is its lack of plot. However, the problem isn't very noticeable, due to the compelling manner in which Infascelli portrays this flawed family. Time goes on with new challenges to face; the family stays together, and you are glad it does.

Our French entry, *Salut Cousin!* (1996) directed by Merzak Allloueche, is an entertaining look at the world of two Algerian immigrants in Paris.

The wide-eyed Alilo, played well by Gad Elmaleh, has just arrived in Paris for a short "business trip," i.e., he is trying to smuggle some merchandise back to Algeria. He stays with his flamboyant cousin Mok, played excellently by Mess Hattou. Alilo, who has lived in Algeria all his life, is unaccustomed to the Parisian lifestyle and spends much of his time wandering in amazement as the urbanized Mok shows him around.

The Algerian immigrants in Paris often find themselves faced with grim conditions. So, besides the task of adjusting to a new culture, we find the well-meaning Algerians struggling from the bottom up with Parisian society.

Salut Cousin! does a fine job of examining the mechanics of this culture clash. Among other things, it raises the issues of personal identity in a foreign land and interracial relations. Sometimes comical (Mok is trying to take the charts by storm with his "hip-hop" versions of the fables of La Fontaine, rapped over a driving beat), *Salut* is also very poignant in depicting the struggle faced by millions of immigrants across the world to fit in at the "Promised Land."

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Goodnight, Sleep Well
– Matt Olney, *A&E Editor*

Hanson, Nelson lead Women's Track at NESCACs

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qualified her for the NCAA Championships.

"Kate Nelson had an amazing performance in the 10,000. It really gave us a great start to the meets," said co-captain Cristina Freyre '02.

This weekend, the team competes for the last time this season in the NYSCTC Championships at St. Lawrence University.

Although the NYSCTC teams are similar in strength to those in the NESCAC they are much more familiar to the Continentals.

The Continentals have seen many of them during the season and in particular have seen the favorites for this weekend: St. Lawrence and Ithaca.

Coach Ellen Hull said, "St. Lawrence and Ithaca will dominate. It would be great if we finish in the top four. There are a lot of teams that have improved significantly since last year."

This will be the last team meet for seniors Nelson and Hill, but Nelson will be competing in the NCAA Championships at Millikin University in Illinois from May 24-26.

"There have been a lot of great accomplishments this season. Everyone really pulled together for the large meets, despite injuries. We are also very fortunate to have the new track," said Freyre.

"We are all going to miss the seniors next year. They have put so much into the program and have all been great role models for the team."

Looking back on her career, Hill said, "It is with mixed feelings that I look towards my last race this coming up weekend. On one hand, it has been a great four years-I've enjoyed competing, training and above all spending time with the team. The people are what have kept me coming out year after year. On the other hand, I've had a difficult time coming back from injuries and surgeries and being abroad last track season."

Hill continued, "I'm looking forward to being able to run on my own and not have to train for anything specific. While graduation brings running freedom, it also means losing coaching and team support. It will be strange not to have a constant core group of people to run with in the future, because I have no doubt that running will always be a part of my life."

Nelson added, "This past year has been amazing! The track and cross-country teams and coaches are the coolest-I feel so lucky to have been a part of this program. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Coach [Hull], Coach Chris [Weigandt], Melissa, Coach Bellona, Nadine, and Dave for all of their hard work and dedication to our team and to the sport!"

Hanson has qualified for NCAA's in the 1,500, 3,000, and 5,000-meter runs.

Last year she finished fifth in the 3,000 and second in the 5,000.

Nelson has qualified in the 5,000 and 10,000-meter runs.

Neither she nor Hanson has decided which event(s) she will compete in.

Crew team beats Union

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considered the race important because it was Yerger's last chance to win. The Gilman Cup was taken home by Union this year. The award is given to the winning varsity men's boat.

This year the competition was between 4+ crews. Union captured an early lead, and although the Hamilton 4+ boat closed the gap in the last 500 meters, the Union men came away with the win.

The Union "A" boat finished with a time of 6.33.0 and the Union "B" boat finished just .7 seconds ahead of Hamilton.

The Women's Lightweight 4+ crew competed against Union's open 4+ crew. They came in second, finishing 10.6 seconds behind Union.

The novice program also contributed to a successful day. Coach Karen Glowacki saw lots of improvement and was pleased with their effort.

While both the Men's and Women's Novice 8+ boats finished first, Hamilton won both novice 4+ races.

The 4+ races were the second race of the day for the Hamilton competitors.

The Men's Novice 4+ boat made up of Matt Baum '03, Chris Abram '04, Will Fuhrman '04, Kevin Hall '04, and Tom Goolsby '04, won the race by 24 seconds.

"We were pretty excited about our performance," said Hall, "especially because we haven't been practicing as a four crew."

The women's 4+ race was the last race of the day and was described as the "most exciting" during the awards presentation. The boat overcame fatigue to give Union a very close race.

"In general I was quite pleased. I found positives in every crew that raced, no matter what the order of finish," said Bilyea.

The team hopes to build off this past weekend in preparing for this weekend's New York State Chanpionships.

Huge strides for Men's Lax

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ing the back of the net.

The 2001 Hamilton College men's lacrosse team has become a great story to watch.

The transition started three years ago after a dismal 1-11 season that made the lacrosse program the laughing stock of the UCAA.

It was then that many of the younger players on the team made a commitment to winning.

The school saw this commitment, and with the addition of the state of the art facilities and a new coaching staff allowed the Continentals to live up to their full potential.

In three years the team has gone from bottom dwellers in the UCAA to bonafide contenders.

They have earned the respect that they deserve and they will be back next year on a mission to go to the NCAA tournament.

The team deserves to be commended on a job well done, as does first year coach Jaymie Block.

He has found a way to motivate his players and keep them focused on the task at hand.

With a few more years under his guidance, the sky is the limit for the men's lacrosse team.

For now, however, we will congratulate them on a job well done and wish them luck as they attempt to finish the season on a winning note and enter the ECAC tournament as the first winning men's lacrosse team in eight long years.

Piching, hitting comes together for wins over Union, Trinity

by Chris Preston '03
MANAGING EDITOR

With the spring weather heating up and their season winding down the Hamilton baseball team is playing perhaps its best ball in the past two years.

Faced with the daunting task of having to travel to both Union and NESCAC bully Trinity to play four games in just over 24 hours, the Continentals took two of the four games and may have solidified their standing as a worthy member of the powerful NESCAC.

Coach Mike Davis has preached all year long that solid pitching and timely hitting would be the Continentals' keys to success. This was never more apparent than last weekend.

On Saturday, in the first of two against Union, lefty Jason Wellen '03 pitched six brilliant innings in his first start of the year, limiting Union to just three runs.

However, the Continentals did not get the timely hitting Coach Davis spoke of, managing only four total hits, resulting in a shutout loss, 3-0.

The second game of the double-header appeared as if it was headed in that same direction when the Conts were down 4-3 in the seventh of a seven-inning game.

Having received six strong innings from captain Steve Guillette '01, Hamilton was still just three outs away from being swept.

Fortunately, Semmie Taylor '03 knocked an RBI single to tie the game at four.

Then in the eighth, shortstop Matt Goossen '02 reached on his second hit of the day and then scored when Mike Feuerstein '01 reached on an error.

Jay Gadbaw '02 closed things out in the eighth to complete his second scoreless inning in relief of Guillette and claim his first victory of the season.

The 5-4 extra inning victory gave the Continentals a confidence-boosting split with the solid 15-13 Union squad.

"Though we left some people on base in the first game, in the second game we got timely hitting in both the seventh and eighth," said Coach Davis.

Gadbaw in relief was a pleasant surprise since that was really the first time we had put him in that role."

The nail-biting win at Union gave the Continentals some momentum as they faced a talented Trinity team the next day, and ace Jamie Harrison '02 made sure that they sustained that momentum.

In what was their best win of the season and quite possibly their most important in several years, the Continentals defeated the mighty Bantams 5-1.

Harrison pitched yet another gem, allowing just the one run on four hits in going the distance and gaining his fourth straight win.

Furthermore, Hamilton received timely hitting once again from Taylor, who had two hits and two RBI on the day.

After their momentous win in game one (their second in NESCAC play) the Continentals seemed primed for a sweep as they exploded for nine runs in the first inning off Trinity's ace.

Feuerstein's two-run homer, Guillette's two doubles and two runs, and Brett Zalaski's '03 two hits and two runs highlighted the banner inning for the Conts as it seemed the rout was on.

However, in the bottom of the first Trinity almost completely dissolved Hamilton's momentum as they scored seven runs, chasing starter Matt Marsallo '02 from the game.

Trinity would score six more times and the stunned Continentals wouldn't score again for the final six innings as Trinity salvaged a split with a 13-9 victory. The Conts did not get solid pitching and couldn't manage any timely hits and thus were forced in to a slugfest, something which is not part of their game.

Despite letting the second game get away from them, the Continentals returned to the Hill knowing they had just played their best ball of the year, and had proven that they can beat almost anyone (besides top-25 Williams) in the NESCAC.

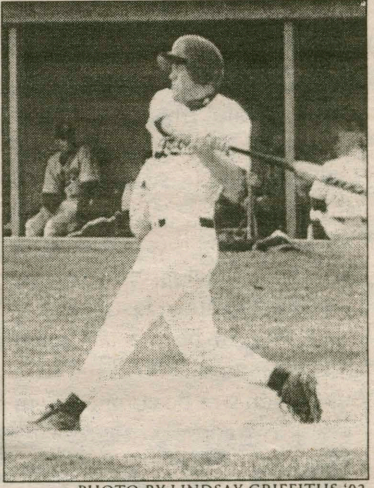
"Those were the four best games we've played all year," said Guillette. "Everything is coming together now, we have been able to iron things out as we have been able to practice outside more. I also think the Williams series sort of raised the bar for our level of play in just seeing how good a team they are."

Indeed, the Continentals (7-18 overall, 2-11 NESCAC) have won three of five since the Williams debacle and have staked their claim, especially with the win over Trinity, as an up-and-coming young team in the NECAC that is improving as their confidence begins to grow.

With all but Guillette and Feuerstein returning next season, the team's recent play bodes well for the future of Hamilton baseball.

"We've made great strides," said Davis. "Our confidence level is good and though our offense is not as consistent as we would like it to be, we win by getting timely hits and by handling situations well, whether it's getting a bunt down or getting a steal sign...We're a scratch-'em-out type of team."

The team will attempt to scratch out a few more wins this weekend as they travel to St. Lawrence for two on Saturday and play Amherst, whom they've already beaten.



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Jamie Harrison leads the Conts past NESCAC rivals.

Golf improves from fall season

by Jared Frank '01
SPORTS WRITER

The men's golf team's brief spring season began and ended in the last two weeks.

During these weeks, they played in five tournaments.

Though they were rarely at full strength, Coach Mike Byrnes felt that this had little effect on the outcome of the tournaments.

The Continentals improved their team average to 324, which is four points better than their average in the fall.

The team's first competition was the Colgate Invitational on April 27th at the Seven Oaks Golf Course.

As a team, the Continentals finished fifth out of nine schools competing.

Individually, co-captain Matt DiRamio '01 led Hamilton with a score of 77 and a seventh place finish out of 61 golfers.

The next competition for the Continental golf squad came on April 22nd at the Le Moyne College Invitational.

Forced to play without DiRamio, the Continentals finished eighth out of 15 schools.

Out of over 100 golfers, Hamilton placed four in the top 45.

Hamilton improved its team score tremendously in this tournament and felt that it was a step in the right direction.

The next day the Continentals competed in the Palamoutain Invitational, hosted by Skidmore College and the McGregor Links Country Club.

This tournament proved to be the best for the Continentals.

The team shot a season low of 314, while the competition during this tournament was at a season high.

Co-captain Tyler Leech '01 shot a career best 70 that only placed him second among the individual competitors.

Byrnes commented, "[Leech's performance] was definitely one of the best scores by a Hamilton golfer in the recent history. It is not the record low but definitely the lowest in a while."

Byrnes added, "When a member of the team gets a career best score it usually propels the team into a top position at the end of the day."

This proved true, as the Continentals finished in second place with a season low score of 314.

Along with Leech, two other team members finished in the top 25 out of 70 golfers.

DiRamio finished 17th with a score of 79, and Tom Ferrero '04 placed 22nd with a score of 80.

Three days later, the team competed in the Spring Golf Invitational at the Elmira Country Club.

Individually, DiRamio led the way for the Continentals, finishing second with a score of 76.

Also turning in solid performances were Ferrero with a score of 83, and Tom Paolini '03 with a score of 86.

The Continentals finished the day in third place with a team score of 333.

The final tournament for the Hamilton's spring season was the District One Shoot-out held at the Taconic Golf Course in Williamstown, MA.

The top three schools continue on to the NCAA Division III tournament the following week.

Hamilton performed with a full squad for the first time in the spring season.

Though they missed qualifying for NCAAs, finishing fifth among 13 schools, Hamilton showed extreme promise for the upcoming fall season.

Hamilton finished with a team score of 321 on the first day and improved to a 317 by the final day of competition.

Ferrero finished eighth overall, and Paolini took 11th place.

Byrnes stated, "The guys seemed to improve themselves every tournament this spring, they made sure they took one step forward without taking any steps back. By the end of the season we were defeated teams that are now going to the tournament. If it wasn't for our poor start this season we could have been contenders in the Division III tournament. It was a great year to be the golf coach."

Byrnes feels very confident with the squad he will be fielding in the fall, as they are only losing one senior (DiRamio).

Byrnes stated, "There is a lot of young talent on our team, I am looking forward to a very competitive fall tryouts."

Byrnes also thanks the hard work of assistant coaches, Bob Simon and Tom Hovey, who volunteered their time to the program this year.

The coaches are very happy about this season's improvement.

Men's tennis finishes strong

by Lindsey Schantz '03
SPORTS WRITER

The men's tennis team finished up its2000-2001 season with mixed results. In the UCAA's, the men completed the season with an exciting 4-3 win over Union this past week. Erick Volp '04 won the deciding match at the sixth singles position, coming back from a set down to notch a 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 victory.

Ash Pajoohi '02 and Jon Murphy '04 also played well and registered wins at the number two and number six singles positions, respectively. The men also put in some great team performances to secure the important doubles point, and round out the scoring for the match.

The Continentals clinched the doubles point on a win by the third doubles team of Arnab Chanda '03 and Ryan Thorpe '02. Also playing well at doubles was the number two team of Murphy and Volp, who easily handled their opponents in an 8-2 win.

The men's team came on strong towards the end of its UCAA schedule. They played well enough to win their final five matches, including the victory over Union.

This victory pushed the men over the .500 mark for the season, as they finished 6-5 in UCAA competition.

This past weekend, however, the men faced a larger challenge and some great competition at the NESCAC tournament. Unfortunately, the solid competition and some nagging injuries to Pajoohi and Chanda did not allow the men to do as well as they would have liked.

The team was disappointed to finish in 11th place for the weekend. However, there were a few bright spots for the men. Varun Vasudeva '04 won the third singles consolation bracket by pulling out an incredibly close match over a Colby opponent, 11-10.

Also, the team of Thorpe and Chanda continued their high level of play together, and registered victories over Connecticut College and Wesleyan.

The men have high hopes as they look to next year, with no graduating seniors and many new freshman coming to help strengthen what is already a deep and talented team.

Coach Jaime King was quick to acknowledge the performances of one of these, Chanda. Chanda finished the dual match singles season with a team leading seven victories, while rotating around the second, third, and fourth singles positions.

Coach King also mentioned the solid performances of Thorpe and Chanda, who posted a 5-1 dual match record.

Finally, Pajoohi will be another player who the team will look to a great deal next year, after he posted a very solid 5-2 record at the number two singles position this year.

MLB All-Stars: America vs. the World

I am not much of a hockey fan. In fact, I find the sport terribly boring to watch. However, the NHL All Star Game interests me.

Unlike the NFL, NBA, and MLB all star games which pit divisions against each other, the NHL pits continents against each other.

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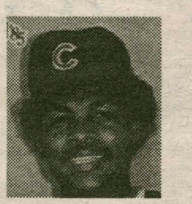

North America, consisting of mostly Canadians and Americans, play against the rest of the world, mostly Eastern Europeans.

Though most players do not play as hard as they could, the game is always exciting and evenly played.

This type of all star game would not work for many sports. There are a few foreigners in the NBA, but they would be destroyed by Americans.

Who's going to beat Shaq, Duncan, Garnett, Kidd and Payton. Nowitzki, Nash, and Stojakovic are good players, but lets get serious.

The NFL would have the same problem. I can't think of enough foreigners to even field a team, let alone beat the best Americans.

Major League Baseball, on the other hand, is a league where the NHL all star system would work.

If you match Americans versus Latin Americans, I believe the game would be very interesting.

Position by position, Latino and American players are very comparable, and this would make the game very competitive.

At catcher, Puerto Rican Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez puts up very similar numbers to American born Mike Piazza.

At first base, Puerto Rican Carlos Delgado was near the top of the American League in RBI's, batting average, and home runs last season, while the Massachusetts born Jeff Bagwell was near the top in those same categories in the National League.

At second base, American Jeff Kent won the National League MVP last season, while Hispanic Roberto Alomar has led his team to two World Series' in the 1990's.

Also playing at second base for the Hispanic team would be Jose Vidro, who had 200+ hits for the Expos last season and Edgardo Alfonzo, who led the Mets to the World Series last season.

At short stop, the Americans have an advantage with Alex Rodriguez, Derek Jeter and Nomar Garciaparra, but Hispanic Miguel Tejada is a young up-and-comer playing for Oakland.

At third base, the Americans have Chipper Jones and Troy Glaus while Hispanic Tony Batista hit over 40 home runs last season for the Blue Jays. In the outfield, Ken Griffey Jr., Andruw Jones, and Barry Bonds are all incredible American born players. However, Hispanics Manny Ramirez, Vladimir Guerrero, and Sammy Sosa are equally as talented.

The pitching contests in this hypothetical game would be eye-popping. What could be better than Dominican Pedro Martinez starting against American Randy Johnson or Greg Maddux.

As the game goes into the late innings, the Hispanic team could bring in Mariano Rivera while the American team would bring in Trevor Hoffman or Rob Nenn.

But Major League Baseball is deeply set in its historic roots. Each year there are little, insignificant changes made like widening the strike zone, changing the height of the pitchers mound, or juicing the baseballs, but changing the face of the All Star game that once featured baseball greats like Sandy Kofax, Joe DiMaggio, Pete Rose and Mickey Mantle is an impossibility. But what a match-up this hypothetical game would be.

Men's crew wins first home race

by Caitlin Foley '04
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton crew teams competed in the Gilman Plate and Cup last Saturday on the Erie Canal.

The exciting races against rival Union College were the fourth annual competition, complete with an awards ceremony and post-race barbecue. Head coach Joe Bilyea described it as "all in all a great day."

The highlight of the day came in the second race. The Hamilton Varsity Women's 8+ crew won their race, claiming the Gilman Plate for the first time in the four-year history of the event. Crew members Mimi Barrett '02, Denise Yerger '01, Liz Lamdin '03, Kate Wardwell '03, Beth Hayes '03, Sarah Williams '04, Johanna Carroll '03, Kristen Dillner '04, and Kim Payne '04, won their race with a time of 6:54.4. Union finished after them with a time of 7.02.1.

The team members also

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Brown leads Men's Track at NESCACs

by Amanda Chase '03
SPORTS WRITER

Co-captain Sam Brown '01 led the men's track team at the NESCAC tournament this past weekend at Wesleyan College. Brown won the 800-meter run with a personal best of 1:56.02.

Brown's performance was a pleasant surprise for Hamilton, as he has only been able to compete in one meet previous to NESCACs.

Brown's success will hopefully continue this weekend at the state meet at St. Lawrence.

Brown led a pack of four Hamilton men in the 800. Ryan Murelli '02 came in sixth place with a time of 1:58.81. Co-Captain Scott Taylor '01 came in eighth place in 1:59.77. Doug Zeyak '02, also running for one of the first times this season, rounded out the foursome with a solid 2:00.25.

Taylor also ran a strong 4:04.22 in the 1500 meter run. Paul Jones '03 and Fletcher Malcom '03 both also provided strong competition in the 1500.

John Damaske '02 scored a personal best by several seconds in the 5000-meter run, finishing in a time of 16:12.51.

Ryan Palmitesso '03 and Sky Gellatly '03 were two other double place holders for the Hamilton men. Palmitesso took third in the high jump, tying his personal best with a jump of 1.96 meters.

Tom Alberi '03 also competed in the high jump. Palmitesso also took seventh in the javelin throw, finishing in 43.64 meters. Darren Block '01 threw the javelin 39.80 meters.

Gellatly took fourth in the triple jump with a jump of 13.22 meters. He also took fifth in the long jump with a jump of 6.21 meters.

In other field events, Alberi also competed in the 110 meter high hurdles. Andy Inglis '01 competed in the men's pole vault in his final meet of his career.

In the sprints, Elijah Huling '04 and Greg Zalasky '04 competed in the 100 and 200 meter dash.

Huling ran a 11.43 and Zalasky ran a personal best of 11.67 in the 100. In the 200, Huling ran a 23.18, while Zalasky ran a 24.10.

Hamilton's Distance Medley Relay (DMR) team took fourth in a time of 10:31.81.

The men hope to continue their spree of personal bests into this upcoming weekend.

Women's Lax makes run at Division III Crown

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defense.

Gloo has broken four of Hamilton's records this year, including single-season goals, single season points, career goals and career points.

She has tallied 97 ground balls, 176 goals and 34 assists. She has been named to the UCAA All-Academic Team, and awarded UCAA Rookie of the Year, UCAA Player of the Year, 1st Team Regional All-American and 2nd Team National All-American status.

She leads the UCAA in goals and points, and is ranked 8th in the country in goals per game.

Moseley and Engster also bring experience and confidence to the attack.

Though they are both among the leading goal scorers on the team, their ability to adapt to new situations and feed the open player will be sorely missed next year.

Moseley's career includes 80 goals and 19 assists, placing her tenth on the all time career goals list, and has been selected to the All-UCAA team twice. "Moseley is one of the most solid players; she never has a bad game and we can always count on her," commented Sivon.

Plummer added, "Moseley is a quiet leader, but you can feel her presence and leadership all over the field."

Engster, who already has 14 goals for the season and a career total of 43, has an impact on both sides of the field.

"Engster's enthusiasm and motivation has really helped the team along and kept us moving towards the goal," said Karpinski.

On defense, the trio of Bruce, Atherton and goal keeper Asrican will not be missed by the teams they have shut out this season.

Defender Abby Zeidler praised the work of the Bruce and Atherton, commenting, "They really hold the defense together with their intensity and talent."

"Over the past two years, Bruce has combined for over one hundred ground balls, 55 caused turnovers, 20 draw controls and one goal," commented Hollands.

She has been named as both an All-UCAA an All-State selection. Bruce brings to the team an intense love of lacrosse and the ability to motivate the team under any circumstance.

After two well deserved days off, Bruce had already complained multiple times that she missed the sport.

This dedication is evident on the field.

"Bruce is an amazing leader that has really brought the team together this year and is a huge impact on and off the field," commented Karpinski.

Atherton has picked up over sixty groundballs in her career and has caused 26 turnovers. "She is always marking out the opposing team,s best player and is an integral part of an outstanding defensive unit," praised Hollands.

"Atherton gets the team up when we are down and is a strong presence on defense," said Plummer.

Between the pipes for the past four years has been Asrican, one of the nation's top ranked goalies. She has tallied 393 career saves, First Team All-UCAA honors, and is currently ranked 15th in the country with a goals scored against average of 7.23.

Besides her ability to block well placed shots, her steady improvement over her career has pushed others around her to improve as well.

She leads by example, and her authority on the field is evident. "Jess is great at challenging the offense; she makes the team better," added Plummer.

These seven seniors will be sorely missed by their teammates and coach, but many teams in the country will be happy to see them leave. Unfortunately, those teams still have to face the seniors in the NCAA tournament next week.

The seniors' experience, skill, motivation and leadership capabilities will be an integral part of winning during the postseason.

The selection draft for this year's NCAA tournament will be held this Sunday at 6pm on the Empire Network, or online at http://www.ncaa.org.

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Sports

Seniors lead Women's Lacrosse back to NCAA Tourney

Continentals repeat as undefeated UCAA Champs

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

The women's lacrosse team ended their regular season at home this past weekend in front of their friends, parents, and teachers.

After playing two competitive UCAA teams and defeating them both handily, the Continentals claimed the UCAA Championship for the second year in a row and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The Continentals came into Friday's game against Vassar ranked seventh in the nation. Hamilton was able to take a commanding 13-2 lead at the half.

Co-captain Sarah Gloo '01 led the team with four goals, breaking the all-time career points record for Hamilton.

The record was 13 years old, set by Katy Ruckdeschel '88. Attackers Helena Marrin '03 and Molly Plummer '03 each added a hat-trick, and co-captain Caty Wakefield '01 and Adrien Moseley '01 chipped in two goals apiece to claim the 18-4 victory.

Kristen Engster '01, Sarah Bardenett '04, Melissa Stillman '03, and Sarah Karpinski '03 each scored one goal in the victory.

Coach Karen Hollands praised the efforts of the entire team, commenting, "The team played very well, and it was exciting to watch. They ran the offense well and the defense played great. It was a good collective effort."

Hamilton completely outhustled Vassar, picking up 40 groundballs to the opposition's 19.

After the win against Vassar, Hollands was informed that the team had repeated as UCAA Champs.

Because of their undefeated record, they were awarded the title without having faced RPI. However, Hollands chose to withhold this information and let the team believe that Saturday's win would make or break their tournament chances.

"Because we thought the post-season was on the line, we were able to keep up the intensity going into the RPI game," commented Maggie Sivon '03.

Saturday's match-up against RPI saw a much more competitive battle. Goals by Engster, Bardenett and Marrin gave the Continentals a 3-1 lead at the half, but RPI was still in the game.

RPI's aggressive defense was able to slow Hamilton's attack, but the team was able to adjust after halftime. The Continentals put the game away early in the second half, scoring four unanswered goals.

Bardenett led the team with three goals and an assist. Marrin added another hat-trick, and Engster, Plummer, and Wakefield rounded out the scorers.

Hamilton was able to maintain the lead for the remainder of the game, defeating RPI 10-3. Goalie Jess Asrican '01 finished the game with seven saves.

Co-captain Lauren Bruce '01 led the defense with five ground balls and seven caused turnovers.

"The team played a great second half, and it was really exciting to clinch the victory for a higher seed in the tournament," said Hollands.

Plummer commented, "RPI was a good win for us because it proved that we can compete with anybody."

This weekend's games were a showcase of the talent and dedication of the entire team, but especially the seniors.

This year's group of seven players have defied the expectations placed upon them four years ago and are now leading their team back to the NCAA Tournament.

"Of all of the teams I've played on, I've never been so impressed by the level of dedication and the leadership in tough situations as I am with these seniors," commented Charlotte Hodde '04.

"They are stellar individuals and I feel lucky to have been able to play with them this year."

Wakefield and Gloo, who also served as captains of last year's UCAA Championship team, have been the heart and soul of the team for the past four years.

As a sophomore, the team relied heavily on Wakefield's speed and skill to carry them to the state tournament in Hollands' first year.

The next season, Hollands changed the attack to a slower, more team oriented one, and Gloo established herself as one of the premier attackers in the country.

The combination of their skill, speed, and dedication is rarely seen on one team at this level.

"We are really lucky to have had the great leadership of Gloo and Caty for the past two years," commented Alison Cherry '03. "They are the foundation of this team and amazing role models for their work ethic, ability and attitude."

Wakefield's career statistics are impressive; 127 groundballs, 30 caused turnovers, 89 goals and 32 assists.

She has been selected 2nd team All-NESCAC, to three All-State squads, and was twice named an IWLCA 2nd team Regional All-American. Wakefield has an impact wherever she is on the field, and leads the team both on offense and

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PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE JAYNES

Captain Lauren Bruce (#16) proves that defense wins championships.

Men's Lacrosse looks for bid to ECAC Tourney

by Brent Lowinger '02
SPORTS WRITER

The men's lacrosse team came out this season a little bit slow. They have recovered now and are finishing with a bang.

After starting the season 4-4, the Continentals have won three games in a row, beating Keuka, Vassar, and Union, respectively. The team is 7-4 right now and they have two very winnable games left to play.

The Continentals could ideally finish the regular season with a record of 9-4, the first winning men's lacrosse team since 1993.

An added bonus to the 9-4 record would be a bid to the ECAC tournament.

If the team wins out they would most assuredly be invited to this postseason playoff.

When asked about the chance to go to a postseason tournament, middie Jay Morrell '02 commented, "To tell you the truth, we don't know too much about it. We've never been in this situation before so we're just going to try and win our next two and see what happens from there."

"We're playing really well right now and we don't want to mess that up by thinking about the future," Morrell added.

In order to get to this point in the season, the team has had to put together an impressive string of wins.

In their latest win, an 11-7 victory over an offensively overmatched Union team, the team put together a dominating second half to secure the victory.

With the score 5-4 in favor of Union at the half, the defense came out with something to prove.

They allowed only two Union goals in the half and only one in the final 25 minutes of play.

A good deal of the credit for this stellar performance can be attributed to the offense.

They maintained good ball control and applied offensive pressure for the entire half, scoring seven goals in the final 30minutes and making the defense's job much easier.

Matt Silverio '03 led the team in scoring with five points on four goals and one assist.

He was given the game ball on account of his inspired play and ability to raise the spirits of his Continental teammates.

Scott Mensi '02 added four points on three goals and one assist. The Union game was by far Mensi's best game of the season.

He looked focused on the offensive end and made the most of his scoring chances.

Morrell chipped in with a pair of goals to balance out the scoring attack.

Brad Wolcott '02 also deserves credit, not only for Saturday's win versus Union, but also for his stellar play all season long. Wolcott has started between the pipes every game.

He has played all the significant minutes this year and has been impressive in doing so.

If the Conts hope to make a run deep into the ECAC tournament, they will look to Wolcott to keep the opposition from find-

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Women's Track takes sixth at NESCACS

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

Last weekend the women's track and field team finished sixth in the NESCAC Championships behind Williams, Middlebury, Wesleyan, Colby, and Tufts University. The sixth place finish is the team's best in the last few years.

Co-captain Emily Hill '01 said, "Hamilton came in sixth overall, which was an excellent finish considering our lack of depth and the NESCAC league being one of the most competitive conferences in the nation. The weather was perfect for running-sunny, breezy, and not too hot. The track was also fast. These ideal conditions made for some great performances."

Leading the team were the distance running trio of Maggie Hanson '02, Kate Nelson '01 and Jen Cammarano '03.

They accounted for 34 of the team's 42 points. The versatile Amanda Chase '03 also competed in the 800-meter run and all three relays.

Nelson said, "NESCAC's has definitely been my favorite meet. There's sort of a mutual respect among the NESCAC athletes, as everyone is pretty much in the same boat. We all work our butts off on the track as well as academically."

Hanson finished second in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:39.66, a new team record and just .6 seconds behind Middlebury's Kate Irvin.

In the 3,000-meter run Hanson finished first with a season's best time of 10:00.41. In the 5,000-meter run, which has become her best event, Cammarano finished third with a time of 18:15.77.

Competing in the 10,000-meter run for the first time this season Nelson finished first with a personal best time of 36:58.9, which automatically

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